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1975 target date unlikely for integration of schools, says consultant in report

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO –

A consultant's report on the feasibility of integrating North York Jewish schools into the public school system suggests that "much negotiation and compromise will be needed to implement any plan."

In his report, Dr. Hugh Partlow recommends September, 1976 as the target date for implementation. This undermines hopes of Jewish educators and several trustees for a September, 1975 start. In an interview with **The Canadian Jewish News**, Rabbi Irwin E. Witty, executive-director of the Board of Jewish Education, said he would be "happier" if Dr. Partlow's recommendations are implemented next year rather than in 1976. He suggested a pilot project in one or two schools might inaugurate the program.

The interim report, prepared for the North York Board of Education by Dr. Partlow of Educational Consultants of Canada for presentation at this week's board meeting, was leaked to **The Globe and Mail** Monday morning. The report was dated Dec. 4.

William A. Dempsey, executive assistant to the director of education and superintendent of board services, disclosed the cost of the report was about $50,000. Dr. Partlow's actual fee was $4,900. Dr. Partlow was superintendant of elementary and professional development at the North York board until his retirement last year.

Assisting him in his investigation were Joseph Klinger, the former principal of Bialik School, now engaged by the Board of Jewish Education as a co-ordinator, and Joseph Goldwasser, the executive-director of Eitz Chaim school.

The report was ordered by the North York board Oct. 7 in response to a request by the Toronto Board of Jewish Education, which for 15 years had been attempting to get financial support for Jewish day schools to alleviate the double financial burden of public school taxes and separate school tuition fees.

Trustees of the board originally commissioned the study in September on the motion of school trustee George McCleary. The Board of Jewish Education, an organization with 16 affiliate, private day schools, had applied to North York to provide "general studies teachers for the elementary, junior high school and high school grades of the Jewish day schools in North York, together with books, supplies and other instructional materials."

The Board of Jewish Education has 12 schools in North York with 4,014 students (excluding some 900 pre-school and nursery school students) from junior kindergarten to grade 13, 349 teachers, and 11 principals involved in general studies. The 4,014 private students will generate an extra $3,781,000 in operating funds for the board of education -- $2,730,000 of that figure under provincial spending ceilings.

In his 75-page confidential report, released to the school trustees last week, Dr. Partlow writes that integration is only possible if the Board of Jewish Education "makes the necessary adjustments to meet government requirements and/or the government changes certain of the requirements."

He lists four problems that will be "difficult to overcome" for the Jewish board: admission policies, certification of staff, length of school day for general studies, and small classrooms and pupil-teacher ratios.

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Tremendous response to protest

By ELLIE TESHER

TORONTO –

About 10,000 persons responded to a day-long Fast for Survival at Beth Tzedec Congregation Tuesday.

Young and old alike heard the shofar introduce a day of community expression highlighted by an early morning march of 1,200 on the theme of 'Israel will live'. The march, as well as a closing torchlight parade, was led by rabbis and community leaders, who protested Canada's recent UN abstentions on the PLO.

In addition to the demonstrations, there was continuous discussion by the participants on the Middle East dispute.

The foyer of the synagogue was crowded as hundreds sought to sign communal telegrams to Prime Minister Trudeau, External Affairs Minister Allan MacEachen, MPs and other various Canadian leaders.

Al Gellman, board chairman of Beth Tzedec, reported the congregation's Israel Action Committee had organized the day of protest in less than two weeks. "We will have to get used to doing the impossible from an emergency point of view," he told **The Canadian Jewish News**. "The dilemma of the isolation of Israel makes this project the first of its kind and not the last."

At sundown Sunday, the festival of Chanukah begins. For children, it's an especially joyous holiday. Here, Daniella Muhling, 11, and sister, Stefanie, 8, gather around menorah to sing festival songs. (Jacob El-Baz photo)

First education report

'Achievements astonishing'

By LOUISE CORNBLUM

TORONTO –

After three years of deliberation, the Study Committee on Jewish Education made its first progress report to the public last week under the auspices of the National Council of Jewish Women. While the mammoth job of correlating all material and formulating concrete suggestions for implementation may not be completed for several months, the achievements to date are astonishing.

Despite a wide publicity campaign promoting the evening and its importance to parents, the audience attracted only 63 people. An overflow audience had been anticipated.

The recommendations in the report, even at this early date, are considered meaningful and, if and when implemented, are expected to change the face of Jewish education in this city, and perhaps elsewhere as well.

Important conclusions disclosed at the meeting were:

– That the Jewish Welfare Fund must fund other high schools, subject to priorities, besides the Community Hebrew Academy.

– That a five-year teacher training program, assumed in co-operation with York University and conferring a recognized degree, should be immediately funded and undertaken.

– That the Board of Jewish Education should be expanded and relocated.

– That the inadequacies of the supplementary (evening) schools should be overcome by a radical change in both curriculum and attitudes.

Sydney Midanik, chairman of the study committee, explained that there were two basic reasons for undertaking the study -- the questioning of the quality of education available in both day, evening & Sunday schools, and a difference of opinion as to where the dollars should go and where the thrust of development should be.

"We started out thinking that only about half the kids in Metro Toronto get a Jewish education," Midanik said. "It was necessary to conduct a statistical survey to gather the components of a total study."

Despite warnings that only professionals could do the job, he continued, an army of volunteers created a body of data which is as scientifically valid as is likely possible, with the added bonus that, because the results came from the efforts of the community rather than from hired outside professionals, the community itself would have a greater stake in practical application of the findings.

"We set out to screen some 45,000 homes to find a random sampling of Jewish homes. From these we found some 1,000 Jewish families, out of which we interviewed about 389 sets of parents and 260 kids between the ages of 11 to 21 or 22." The preconceived idea that only half of the Jewish youth were receiving any kind of Jewish education was immediately dispelled.

Only 49 of the 389 families had children who had never received any formal Jewish education -- labelled "outreach families" in the survey (as opposed to "in-reach families," who had at least one child who had been within the Jewish educational system) and some of these had children under school age. After anlysis, the "outreach families" totalled only about 5%.

Seven task forces, created to study teacher training, recruitment and welfare, the Midrasha, finance, day high schools, day schools, supplementary (evening & Sunday) schools, and the Board of Jewish Education itself, have completed their investigation and the study committee, to whom the task force findings were submitted, is finalizing its recommendations to the Welfare Fund. At this point, an interim report on day high schools has been given to the Welfare Fund, the sponsor of the study. The reports on the Midrasha, the Board of Jewish Education and the supplementary

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Stephen S. Wise awards given to the Bronfmans

NEW YORK –

Charles R. Bronfman of Montreal and Edgar M. Bronfman of New York received the 1974 Stephen S. Wise Awards of the American Jewish Congress at a dinner Sunday in the Waldorf Astoria.

Mitchell Sharp, president of the Privy Council of Canada, was the principal speaker at the dinner, chaired by Senator Jacob K. Javits of New York.

Some 800 persons in the grand ballroom also heard remarks by Sir Marcus Sieff of London, chairman of Marks and Spencer Ltd. and a leader of British Jewry, and Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Jewish Congress.

Rabbi Arthur Hertzberg of Englewood, N.J., president of the American Jewish Congress, presented the awards, bronze medallions commemorating the late founder and first president of both the American Jewish Congress (1918) and the World Jewish Congress (1936). This year's dinner marked the centennial of Dr. Wise's birth.

Charles Bronfman

Edgar Bronfman

The awards, given annually for distinguished contributions to Jewish life and human rights, were established in 1949, on Dr. Wise's 75th birthday. Previous recipients have included David Ben-Gurion, Golda Meir, Yitzhak Rabin, W. Averell Harriman, Harry Truman, Roy Wilkins, Earl Warren, Robert F. Kennedy, Adlai Stevenson, Abba Eban and -- in 1965 -- Samuel Bronfman, president of the Canadian Jewish Congress and father of this year's laureates.

Edgar Bronfman, president of Distillers Corporation Seagram's Limited, is a trustee of Mount Sinai Hospital and School of Medi-

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Ben Sadowski

Sadowski is dead

TORONTO –

Ben Sadowski, one of the giants of the Jewish community here, died last week at the age of 80. He leaves his wife, Pearl, and a daughter Yvonne.

Sadowski, a philanthropist and former automobile agency operator, was the first president of the United Jewish Welfare Fund, the Jewish Child Service and the New Mt. Sinai Hospital. In his capacity as chairman of Mt. Sinai's fund-raising campaign from 1942 until 1953, he collected $5,250,000.

He was on the board of governors of the Jewish Home for the Aged, Baycrest and the Young Men's Hebrew Association. As well, he was a former president of Holy Blossom Temple.

Born in Massie, Ont., Sadowski graduated from the University of Toronto in mathematics and physics and lectured at the university before founding National Motors, a Chrysler agency which he ran until his retirement 15 years ago. At one point in his business career, after having acquired agencies in different towns, Sadowski was directing the largest automobile business in Canada.

During World War II, he was made a Member of the British Empire for his work with the Wartime Prices and Trade Board.

In later years, he financed several scholarships at the University of Toronto.

Marc Lalonde says his trip to Israel 'was tremendous human experience'

By MARK MEDICOFF
CJN Quebec Bureau Chief

MONTREAL –

In an exclusive interview with **The Canadian Jewish News**, Health and Welfare Minister Marc Lalonde said he is "sad and depressed" by the "warlike" statements being made against Israel.

Questioned on the Mideast controversy, Lalonde said he is "sad and puzzled . . . because what strikes me is what could be achieved in the Middle East with a just peace."

Referring to Israel's difficult international diplomatic position, Lalonde declared "you can't help but feel bitter, but we're not in a position to do very much.

"Canada's role for ourself is not as great as one would like, but what we can do, taking into account our size, is to do everything we can to contribute to peace," he said. "Canada, I'm afraid, is not a determining voice in the development of the area."

He cited External Affairs Minister Allan MacEachen's speech at the United Nations "as strong . . . one of the best of any country's in the debate.

"This is something we should and can keep doing," he added.

The health and welfare minister commented that this is part of the difficulty in being a "middle-sized country . . . and a small country in terms of world powers. We recognize that we're not the U.S. or USSR."

Referring to his recent trip to Israel he said it was a "tremendous human experience."

He was impressed by the "tremendous sense of national purpose, and the tremendous achievements made for the general welfare of people." He was particularly impressed with Israel's agricultural achievements.

"Despite the adverse conditions the people live under, you can't help but admire and respect what they're doing. I don't know one country which has done so much in so little time."

Lalonde told The CJN that he met with "the upper echelons of the administration," with the prime minister, the minister of defence, minister of health, and with other representatives in the Knesset.

But, he explained, he also had the opportunity to talk to ordinary people at the hospitals he visited, to cab drivers, and to individuals at educational institutions.

"What struck me, both by the leaders at the top and by the ordinary people, is their sense of cool determination. They are there to stay."

During Lalonde's tour of Israel, the Jewish state was undergoing stress because of new economic guidelines and devaluation of the pound.

"I could just imagine the situation elsewhere, and what it would be like," he added.

But in Israel, the minister continued, the attitude was "well it's tough, but it has to be done."

ANNOUNCEMENT

Printing and distribution problems arising from the holiday season have made it advisable not to publish a Dec. 27 issue of The Canadian Jewish News.

Display and classified advertising deadline for the Jan. 3 issue will be Monday, Dec. 23 at 1 p.m. The offices will be closed from Tuesday, Dec. 24, at noon, and will re-open at 9 a.m., Friday, Dec. 27. The following week, offices will close Tuesday, Dec. 31 at noon and re-open Thursday, Jan. 2 at 9 a.m.

Negev Dinner Chairman George Cohon (second from left) presents citation to honoree Phil Granovsky, president of the United Jewish Welfare Fund of Toronto. Others from left are Rabbi Arthur Lelyveld of Cleveland, guest speaker at the event, Philip Givens, president, Canadian Zionist Federation and Granovsky's wife Shirley. (Gadi Hoz photograph)

Calls for UJWF, Congress merger

By LEWIS LEVENDEL
CJN Associate Editor

TORONTO –

Phil Granovsky, known as one of the more mild-mannered Jewish community leaders, has branded the Canadian government "gutless". His criticism about Canada's UN abstention, made to the 27th annual Negev Dinner, drew a round of applause from most of 1,150 persons in attendance.

The 53-year-old dinner honoree, who is president of the United Jewish Welfare Fund of Toronto, said Israel is threatened "by a group of murderers who take pride in announcing hijacks -- announcing the killing of innocent people, of children -- and then this supposed civilized society of ours greets their leader at the UN as a hero -- with a gun in his belt. And this gutless government of ours abstains on the vote to allow this murderer to speak to the world."

The government of Canada, the people of Canada, not merely the Jews of Canada, must realize that in the long run there is only one democratic friend in the Middle East, he said, referring to Israel.

Explaining the Negev Dinner is not only a Jewish National Fund affair, but a total Jewish community function, the Toronto industrialist declared: "What we need is the kind of strength that can be brought about by the UJWF and Canadian Jewish Congress, Central Region, becoming one organization." His declaration drew only scattered applause.

"We have shown our strength in the past when we raised enormous sums of money during financial crises -- what we need now is the joining of forces in a political way and not have splintered groups going their own way and accomplishing very little," he said.

The Negev Dinner at the Royal York, again proving to be the highlight event of the local community calendar, was chaired this year by George Cohon.

In the dinner tribute book, Cohon wrote: "Granovsky is respected by the entire community as a doer -- he is warm and compassionate in his approach, humble and motivated by personal self-satisfaction rather than seeking recognition in accolades from the community."

Said Phil Givens, Canadian Zionist Federation president, in talking of his friend: "The man possesses flawless judgment like I've never seen before."

In his address, Granovsky also said the Welfare Fund must subsidize Jewish education in every form, including congregational schools, and of every ideology, be it Orthodox, Conservative or Reform.

Waxing philosophic, he said: "To be a Jew is a tremendous challenge and a terrible burden -- but Jews have never turned their backs on a challenge or been afraid to take on an additional burden. Who of us can deny it is exciting to be a Jew? We are chronic optimists. For us there is no insoluble problem; only problems for which no solution has yet been found.

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'Scandalous decision'

West German Jews rap Bonn

BONN (JCNS) -

West Germany's Central Council of Jews has sharply criticized the speech by West Germany's Ambassador at the United Nations on the "Palestine" debate—and also Bonn's abstention on the General Assembly's Palestinian resolutions.

In a statement, the Council described as alarming the "Bonn government's help in upgrading the status of the Arab terrorists." It called for clear, unambiguous statements by the federal government and the political parties on the latest events in the UN and the "quite scandalous decision" of UNESCO in Paris.

Meanwhile, political circles in Bonn have suggested that the UN resolutions, far from seeming to point to a solution, have, in fact, increased discord between the conflicting parties. However, it is thought that the West German government believes that the Geneva Peace Conference would be the most suitable vehicle for resolving the Middle East conflict, and that in the interim the disengagement agreements should be respected.

In Oslo, many MPs severely criticized the Norwegian government in the Storting (Parliament) for voting in support of the UN motion allowing Yasser Arafat, the head of the terrorist PLO, to address the General Assembly. Many members of the governing Labour Party joined most MPs in the non-Socialist parties in voicing this criticism.

The government replied that its vote on the issue accorded with its Middle East policy, which sought a "just solution" for Palestinians and its policy at the UN. Norway was the only European country to vote against the General Assembly resolution calling for the UN to grant the PLO the right to self-determination and sovereignty in a "homeland" which includes the state of Israel.

Norway voted against the resolution because it did not mention the requirement for secure borders for Israel.

The Panovs got one of the greatest receptions ever received by performers in Israel. They made their debut in Tel Aviv. (IPPA)

Top Israeli civil servants forced to tighten belts

JERUSALEM (JTA) -

The cabinet approved a series of belt-tightening measures by top echelon civil servants and government departments to conform to the new economic austerity program imposed by the government last month.

Information Minister Aharon Yariv, who announced the measures, acknowledged that they would not save vast sums of cash but said they would have an important psychological effect at a time when the public is being asked to curtail consumption. The cabinet ministers themselves decided unanimously to forego 1/2 of the cost-of-living increments due them this January, Yariv reported.

Among the measures ordered by the cabinet were: The limitation of receptions or dinners given by government departments to foreign guests only and on a less lavish scale than heretofore; meetings of government officials to be confined to their offices, not to be held in hotels or restaurants; no overnight stays by government officials in five-star (luxury category) hotels; overtime pay maximums for government officials to be cut by 25% and car allowances by 10%.

The cabinet also decided that government offices will not be redecorated or re-furnished. The approved economies will also apply to government corporations and local authorities, Yariv said. The cabinet appealed to the academic faculties at Israel's universities to postpone all planned Sabbaticals abroad for one year.

Alienated hippy youth pray in House of Love

-By SHERI BURNS

SAN FRANCISCO:

The organizers of The House of Love and Prayer in this city are trying to change the Jewish community's impression of Jewish hippy-freaks.

Intended as a place for prayer and study for Jews alienated by organized congregations, the first house, which subsequently collapsed, was set up by Rabbi Shlomo Carlbach, after his 1967 concert here. So many young people were turned on to Sabbath observance that a permanent locale was required. But that house didn't last for long. Now there is another one, and this one is different.

Walk in any morning at 8:00 and you will see two or three young men in jeans and T-shirts putting on tefillin for the morning prayers and Rabbi Mordecai Cohen conducting a Mishnah class.

Later in the day, the room resounds with the rich voice of Boaz, a Jew from Ethiopia, as he sings his morning benedictions. The force and beauty of his Shema compels everyone in class to stop and listen.

The new house was established in June of 1971, six months after the demise of the old one. The old house was considered "a freak hang-out because of the numerous crashers and the use of drugs by some members," said Itzak Muller, a regular visitor.

"The core people of the first house realized things had gotten out of control," explained a permanent resident of both houses, Pesach Weitz. "We wanted to start a Yeshiva. About 10 of us got together in our own apartments to study and pray until we were able to buy on loan our present house."

The new house, on the other hand, has sought to dispell this negative image. For example, they have set up a Sunday school for children whose parents want them to learn in an informal atmosphere. This is the second year classes are being offered.

Parents are satisfied with classes at the House of Love and Prayer. One parent explained, "I am glad to have a place to send my child to learn our heritage without him having it beaten over his head. He really enjoys going there."

Rabbi Carlbach, who was president for the first two months of operation, attracted many young people. This time everyone got a job and their own apartment and came to the house to study and pray. There were 20 people in the mornings and 40 in the evenings.

But the number of students declined when Rabbi Carlbach left because "everyone loved him," explained Weitz. Still, every morning, four to eight men and women come to learn Mishnah and Gemorrah.

"Shabbat is still the uniting factor; more people always come," Muller said. "Some people walk a couple of miles to get there on Shabbat. They are frustrated by establishment synagogues where few young people attend and the old don't treat us as adults."

Rabbi Carlbach visits the house twice yearly for two weeks each time and on odd days through the year. His presence revitalizes the house and attracts newcomers.

Some participants in house activities work in Jewish commercial establishments when not teaching or studying.

Formerly nicknamed the "House of Love and Love," the House of Love and Prayer is slowly gaining positive and serious recognition by the Jews of San Francisco.

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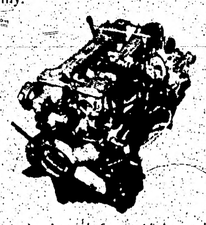

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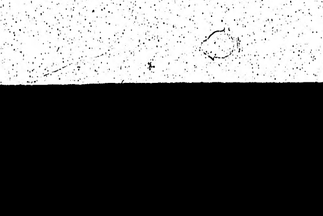

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Lorry Greenberg is Ottawa's first Jewish mayor. Prior to the election, he posed with his wife Carol and five children, aged five to fifteen.

Wealthy businessman Lorry Greenberg becomes first Jewish mayor of Ottawa

By RUTH KAHANE
Ottawa Correspondent

OTTAWA -

Lorry Greenberg, 40, became the first Jewish mayor of Ottawa this week when he defeated lawyer Tom McDougall, a controller in the present council, in the municipal election. An independently wealthy businessman who served on the board of control for two terms, Greenberg succeeds Pierre Benoit, who lost a provincial by-election in Cornwall last month.

Outgoing and confident, Greenberg's rapid speech and bracing manner give the impression that he can tackle an issue and hang on. His political record backs this up.

He calls himself a "people's politician" -- one concerned with the quality of life. Ideally, he wants the population of Ottawa to remain below 750,000, but to "grow in sensitivity to human needs." This means more amenities and more citizen input in city hall.

Greenberg opposes what he calls "panaceas to urban development." He is against instituting rapid transit while Ottawa's population is well under 750,000 (the basic number for a rapid transit system to operate efficiently according to recent studies).

"Our population, geography and economics suggest that a highly developed combination of bus and automobile routes and facilities, including public parking and protection of future rapid transit corridors, is better suited to our immediate and mid-term needs," he said.

Public housing is another major concern for Greenberg.

He said 10% of all future housing developments should be earmarked for public housing use to spread subsidized housing throughout the city. "People should be able to rent a home on the open market and meet the same needs test they do now under the waste supplement program," he added.

He said that throughout his years in office he has always been known to be Jewish and people have respected him for it. City Hall has respected his wish not to hold meetings on Friday nights or Saturdays and he does not work on the High Holidays.

He is a proud family man -- he and his wife Carol, a Montrealer, have five children.

He grew up in the heart of Ottawa South in a poor neighborhood. Greenberg and his brother Irving began buying, fixing up, and selling houses when they were in their early 20's. That mushroomed into what is now Minto Construction and Real Estate.

But at the age of 28, Lorry left the industry and went into community work, employed by various social agencies. He attributes his change in ambition to a visit he made to a relative in an old-age home in Montreal. The images of the inhumane conditions so haunted him he decided his calling was to work with people.

"I wanted to affect some change. There were only two choices open to me -- the rabbinical pulpit or running for political office. But if you'd see the way I behave out there," he gestured with a teasing smile, "you'd know there was only one choice open."

Barmore will address festival

TORONTO -

In keeping with the theme of this year's Israel Bond Chanukah observance at the O'Keefe Centre as "an occasion for our community to express solidarity with Israel," Jacob Barmore, Israel's permanent ambassador to the United Nations, will deliver a special message. Prior to the festival Ambassador Barmore will be guest of honor at the Freedom Guardian Dinner taking place at O'Keefe Centre, and attended by campaign and community leaders and leading Bond supporters.

An outstanding member of Israel's foreign ministry, Barmore has distinguished himself in key diplomatic posts in many parts of the world. He joined the ministry almost immediately after the establishment of Israel's independence in 1948, and served first in Israel's embassy in Poland, the country of his birth. Following this he became deputy director of the Latin department of the ministry for foreign affairs, having previously served in the Israel embassies in Cyprus, Argentina and Uruguay. He now holds the title ambassador extraordinary and plenipotentiary in Israel's UN mission.

As in the past, free reserved tickets are available upon request to Israel Bond paid-up purchasers in 1974.

Among the leading performers starring in the 1974 Chanukah Festival will be Arkady Shindelman, brilliant Russian violin virtuoso; Tsila and Avi, Israel's outstanding singing-duo, decorated by the air force for their front-line performances during the Yom Kippur War; Charles Jordan, internationally - acclaimed Canadian baritone and recording artist; Joey Russell, TV performer and gifted raconteur as master-of-ceremonies; and Gordon Kushner conducting the Chanukah Festival Orchestra.

Emissaries in Timmins are warmly welcomed

TIMMINS -

When Ben Ocopnick, executive director of the United Israel Appeal of Ontario, and Zvi Garcy, a special emissary from Israel, arrived here by plane recently they were greeted by Ruth Korman, UIA's chairman for the Timmins area. This modern, thriving community held a UIA fund-raising meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Feldman.

After a short talk by Garcy, the community contributed more funds than in the October, 1973 emergency campaign.

Thanks to Ruth Korman and the Jews of Timmins, Israel will continue to receive moral, political and financial support in this, her most critical period.

Rabbis meet on kashruth

FORT ERIE, Ont. -

Rabbi M. Swift of the London Beth Din met Rabbi Gedalia Felder and Nachman Shemen, the chairman and director of Toronto's Rabbinical Vaad Hakashruth and Orthodox Division, Canadian Jewish Congress.

The meeting took place in Fort Erie, Ont. at the plant and offices of Rich Products of Canada Limited. The activities and procedures of granting kashruth certification by the Rabbinical Vaad Hakashruth were discussed, and after an inspection of processing conducted by Jacob Rich, the vice-president of the company and his staff, Rabbi Swift expressed his satisfaction with all the arrangements and procedures of COR kashruth supervision and certification.

In conversation with Shemen, Rabbi Swift said that the Kashruth department of Congress was unique on the continent, and that he was impressed with the entire operation of the department.

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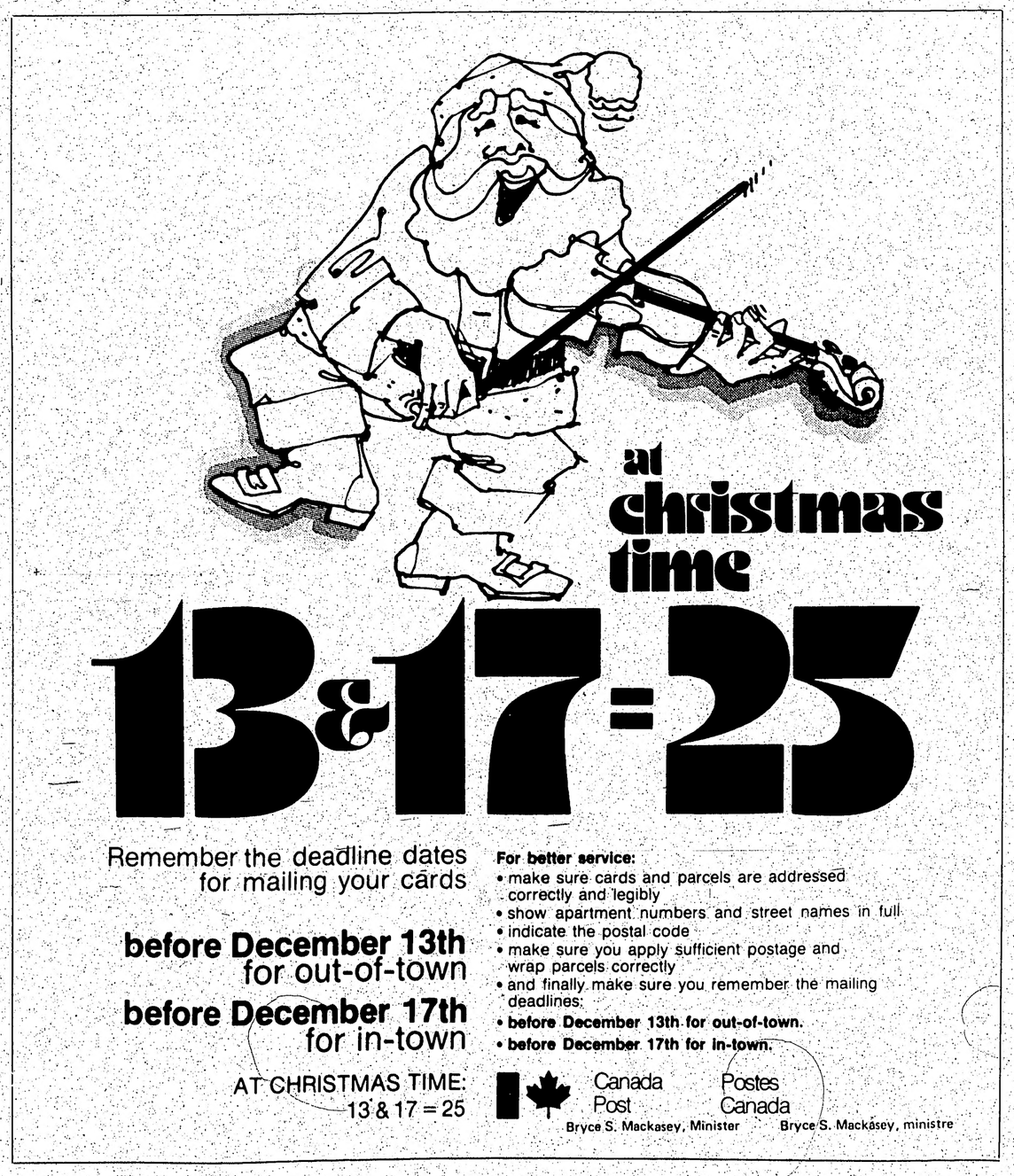

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In deference to the politics of oil, Canadian foreign policy changing

Canada, mindful of the compelling nature of oil politics and reacting nervously to the flow of events, has begun to adopt a double-edged foreign policy with regard to the Middle East -- a policy that has probably heartened the Arab states and the Palestinians and surely disappointed Canadian Jewry.

In attempting to reconcile its traditional support of Jerusalem with its disquieting awareness of the new and powerful political and economic realities in the Middle East, Ottawa has instructed its ambassador at the United Nations, Mr. Saul Rae, to follow what is in effect a policy of "positive non-commitment" on the burning question of the Palestinians. Like many Western nations -- particularly those at the mercy of the Arab oil-producing states -- Canada seems to be biding its time, waiting and hoping that the Palestinian leadership, headed by PLO chieftain Yasser Arafat, will moderate its arrogant and totally unrealistic and unreasonable demands.

In approaching the Palestinian problem, Ottawa has apparently decided, much to the chagrin and worry of the Jewish community in this country, that it is in its benevolent self-interest not to offend the Arab bloc and consequently abstain on vital motions at the United Nations regarding the future of the Palestinians.

Last week, in a remarkably well orchestrated demonstration of Ottawa's ambivalent policy, Canada abstained on a crucial vote to create a Palestinian state, but voted against a motion giving the Palestinian Liberation Organization the right to permanent observer status. At the same time, External Affairs Minister Allan MacEachen declared in the general assembly that "we consider it essential . . . that there be respect for the sovereignty, the territorial integrity and the political independence of Israel and of every other state in the Middle East."

Despite the new look in Canadian policy, it is incredulous that Canada should have acted so recklessly on the historic motion granting the Palestinians independence. We do not begrudge the Palestinians their right to self-determination; indeed, they have been shunted around or blatantly ignored by the Arabs, Israel, the so-called Third World and the West for far too long. As well, it is plainly obvious that the conflict in the Middle East cannot ever be resolved without the participation of Palestinian elements who recognize and respect Israel's own legitimate national rights and claims.

The objectionable thing about the UN resolution on the Palestinians is that it completely bypasses the presence and existence of Israel, and reaffirms "the inalienable right of the Palestinians to return to their homes and property from which they have been displaced and uprooted, and calls for their return." It thus appears as if the UN, which sanctioned Israel's birth over 25 years ago, has now arbitrarily decided, in the words of a Lebanese spokesman, that Israel is "a state that belongs nowhere."

Is the UN, which is on the verge of moral bankruptcy, suggesting that Israel emasculate itself by throwing her gates open to one or two million Palestinians? Is it hinting that Haifa, Jerusalem, Jaffa, Lod and Ramle evict its Jewish residents to make way for the refugees? A careful reading of the resolution inspires such fears.

And Canada, which is supposed to be so concerned with Israel's welfare, has shamefully acquiesced in a resolution that has the final effect of questioning Israel's historical rights. Allan MacEachen's fine sentiments at the UN are therefore neutralized and shammed by Ottawa's abstention on Palestinian independence. Canada-Israel Committee Chairman Aaron Pollack put it mildly when he noted that Canada's abstention is "somewhat of a contradiction" in light of MacEachen's high-flown speech. The Canadian votes at the UN can only mean that Ottawa, cognizant that it will be short of some 200,000 barrels of oil by 1983, has gradually embarked on the path of modifying its Middle East policy in an effort to appease the Arabs.

But in spite of the ominous trends in Canadian policy, it should be clear that the events at the UN in recent weeks, while they do not bode well for Israel, should not be taken too seriously. After all, General Assembly resolutions carry little weight outside the rarefied atmosphere of Turtle Bay.

Nevertheless, it is a sad day for the UN that the energy and idealism that characterized the body at its inception has been all but dissipated today. As Joseph Tekoah, Israel's representative at the UN, remarked: "The orgy of hatred and abuse now reaching its climax must raise grave questions about the future destiny of our organization. By trampling to dust its own charter, by submitting itself to violence . . . by hailing lawlessness, inhumanity and hypocrisy, the United Nations has plunged into an abyss from which there is no exit."

Clearly, last week's resolutions at the UN, including the outrageous one banishing Israel from UNESCO regional activities anywhere, are the beginning of the end of the UN, which resembles the ill-fated League of Nations with each passing day.

It is deeply unfortunate that Canada has had a hand in digging its grave.

Israelis seem to favor immigration but show ambivalence over olim

It is an old but nevertheless frighteningly real truism that Israelis are generally in favor of immigration but not necessarily in favor of immigrants. It is important to make this distinction in light of a disturbing report on immigration filed from Jerusalem by a journalist named Greer Fay Cashman.

In a graphically detailed story, Miss Cashman tells of the "ironic prejudice" which unfortunately greets all too many olim -- particularly Russians -- upon their arrival in the Jewish state. But Russian Jews, many of whom struggled valiantly to leave their native land, are not the only ones accorded shabby treatment by ethnocentric and provincial-minded Israelis. Western immigrants are envied for their affluence, while Oriental Jews are regarded with some disdain.

In attempting to explain the Israelis' negative attitude towards newly arrived immigrants, apologists have often argued that each successive wave of olim -- from the Germans in the '30s to the Moroccans in the '50s -- has precipitated mixed sentiments ranging from outright indifference to sheer hostility. To an extent, this is a valid argument. However, it should be born in mind that German Jews and Moroccan Jews were not received by the Yishuv in the same manner. The Germans succeeded in Israeli society; the Moroccans, a generally impoverished and embittered group, did not.

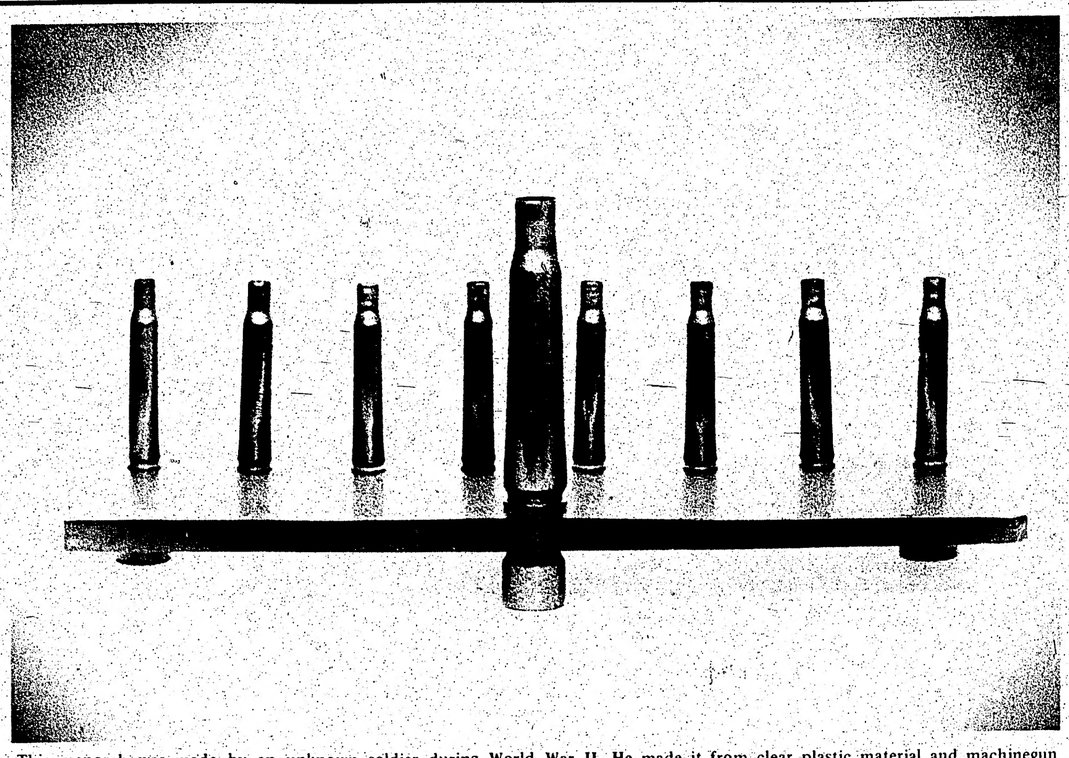
For a short while after the Six Day War, the Israelis welcomed immigrants with open hearts and open minds. But in recent years, they have grown weary of the immigrants in their midst, complaining of the tax privileges and various rights to which they are entitled.

While it is perfectly understandable that jealousy and resentment are bound to surface in a society torn by war and social inequalities, it is simply incomprehensible and indeed intolerable that prejudice -- yes, prejudice -- should poison the incipient relationship between Israelis (who are immigrants themselves) and the newcomers streaming into the country.

It is more than ironical that these anti-immigrant feelings coexist, albeit uncomfortably, with the oft-proclaimed government policy of encouraging aliyah and the numerous official pronouncements equating continued immigration with Israel's very survival.

Thanks to the Jackson Amendment, for whose passage Jerusalem exerted subtle but great pressure, 60,000 Russian Jews are expected to pour into Israel annually. It is, therefore, imperative that their absorption -- the key to success in adapting to Israeli life -- be as smooth as possible. Unfortunately, this has not always been the case in the past, and an increasing number of olim have packed up their bags and left the country.

Israel faces difficult trials of strength and spirit in the months and years to come: the Arabs are becoming stronger and more self-confident; the Palestinians impatient and vengeful. Under these circumstances, it is plainly the duty of the Israelis not to succumb to the legendary Arab weakness -- divisiveness. It is their compelling duty to unite in the face of the ominous dangers that surely lie ahead; it is incumbent on them to suppress their jealousy and resentment and treat the immigrants who have chosen to join them in their struggle as equals -- not as intruders, pariahs or interlopers.



This menorah was made by an unknown soldier during World War II. He made it from clear plastic material and machinegun shells. This menorah and many others can be found in the museum of Beth Tzedec Congregation as part of the Roth collection.

Unknown soldier overcame difficulty

One of collection's outstanding menorahs resourcefully utilized machinegun shells

By DR. FRED WEINBERG

It was a cold winter and he was alone, our unknown Jewish soldier. It was during World War II and he was far from his home and family in the United States.

Of course he had the friendship of his air force buddies, but they were not part of his private being which lived by the rhythm of the Jewish calendar.

Chanukah was coming and he knew that he must not fail to observe the kindling of the lights for the eight days of the holiday. Candles, large and small, were available from military stores, but what of a menorah?

He recalled the happiness and beauty of the ceremony each Chanukah night as his wife and children gathered around him. He would recite the blessing as he lit the candles and then they would all join in singing the melodious **Mooz Tzur**.

His eyes grew moist at the vision in his memory of the last night of Chanukah. All eight candles were burning as well as the ninth, the **Shamash**. How brilliantly the candles were reflected in the old brass menorah on the window-sill -- and how they illuminated the shining faces of his dear ones. This menorah had been handed down to him from his father who had brought it with him from Poland. And then it came to him. **Hiddur Mitzvah** the beautification of a mitzvah is in the eye of the beholder and he felt sure that what he was about to do would be acceptable.

He took some clear plastic material such as he used to repair airplane windshields. He cut a piece of it and made a small flat rectangular platform, rounded the corners and polished it until it shone. Then he emptied eight machinegun shells of their bullets so that he had only the empty copper casings. He polished them and then lined all eight of them up in a row evenly spaced on the base he had made of the clear plastic. He then fixed them permanently in place from below with small concealed screws. He took a larger shell casing and placed it apart from the rest to act as the receptacle for the **Shamash**.

And so he now had his Chanukah menorah. It was made of the simple materials at hand, now utilized for a purpose that one would not have dreamed of. Bullets and airplane parts converted by devotion that emanated from the heart of a simple unknown soldier who was self-driven to perform the only mitzvah of Chanukah, that is the kindling of the lights.

You can come and see this soldier's menorah in the Beth Tzedec Museum. The chaplain on this air force base who knew of this act of devotion arranged with the late Professor Cecil Roth, antiquarian and famous historian, to acquire it for his collection. For he knew, that this Jewish ceremonial object though primitive and makeshift was worthy because of its inspired origin. And so it passed down to Beth Tzedec.

In his travels in Italy, Eastern Europe, Morocco and Asia Minor, Dr. Roth found many outstanding examples of Chanukah menorahs, of bronze and silver, elaborate and artistic, all ancient and beautiful. These too, you may now see in the Beth Tzedec Museum.

But the one that touches me most is the simple one of plastic and shell casings, made for his own use by an unknown Jewish soldier.

Dr. Weinberg is president of Beth Tzedec Congregation.

ask the rabbi

Disinterment for burial elsewhere usually forbidden

1. Would it be possible to transfer the remains of a close relative buried in a Jewish cemetery some distance away to a local Jewish cemetery? The tombstone consecration has not yet been performed.

There is much discussion in the sources regarding the question of disinterring a corpse in order to rebury it elsewhere. The main relevant Talmudic statement is found in the Jerusalem Talmud (Moed Katan 2:4) where it is said that it is normally forbidden to disinter the remains for reburial unless it is for the purpose of reburial in a family plot. A number of reasons are given for the prohibition, among them that to dig up a corpse is a disgrace and that it is disrespectful to the righteous dead who are buried in that cemetery when a body buried there is removed, as if they are unworthy of having the corpse rest among them.

On the basis of this, the Shulchan Aruch (Yoreh Deah 363:1) rules that it is generally forbidden unless it is for the purpose mentioned or in order to rebury the remains in the Holy Land or where there is a risk that the corpse will be desecrated if it is allowed to remain in its original resting place.

It follows that there might be grounds for permitting it in your case if the deceased's parents, for example, are buried in the local cemetery. Whether or not the tombstone consecration has taken place is irrelevant. However, this feature is for the purpose of answering questions in a general sense not to render decisions in particular cases. For this, your own rabbis must be consulted.

2. Is there any law prohibiting the burial of more than one person in one grave? I am told that the Sephardim bury their dead one above the other.

The Shulchan Aruch (Yoreh Deah 362:4) rules that it is forbidden to bury one person on top of another (the reason given by the commentators is that it is disrespectful to the one below) but if there are six handbreadths of earth between the two coffins it is permitted (i.e. because then it is as if they were buried in two separate graves).

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Letters to the Editor

UN action causes debate about UNICEF

Dear Editor:

Let's open our eyes and understand the facts about United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund and let's just for one moment, try to understand the need of the United Nations, when it can accept a group such as the Palestinian Liberation Organization.

In Beit Shean, the PLO have just murdered five young Israelis and injured 23 children, while Arafat talked in the UN about his "Olive Branch of Peace" -- Does his olive branch also represent the "Peace" at Maalot or the "Peace" at Lod Airport where young innocent children of Israel were horrendously massacred?

Why are Jews collecting monies (via UNICEF Hallowe'en boxes and greeting cards and Miles For Millions) for orphans of Saudi Arabia, Syrian Arab Republic, Iraq - (see pamphlet **UNICEF Canada 1973/74**) just to name a few -- when we desperately need money for our 10,000 Israeli orphans whose parents were killed by those very countries who are the recipients of funds collected by UNICEF! These countries have actually killed thousands of Jews and have created Israeli orphans!

It seems to me that we should not only know the facts, but have our eyes focussed on the truth! "There's none so blind as they that won't see!"

Penny Bowman,
Thornhill.

'Boycott UNICEF'

Dear Editor:

UNESCO voted in favor of an Arab and Soviet sponsored resolution to condemn Israel and cut off $20,000 in aid for allegedly harming Moslem and Christian sites in Jerusalem through archeological excavations. The resolution voted on Nov. 7, ignored the fact that Israel contributes $220,000 to the annual UNESCO budget and that an archeological expert, (Raymond Lemaire, a Belgian) reported earlier that digs in the city had been carried out by authorities competent in preserving the city's past.

No such UNESCO condemnation followed the desecration of Jewish synagogues in the Old City and the cemetery on Mount of Olives under Jordanian rule.

In light of these events, we found the ad in your Nov. 23 issue of **The Canadian Jewish News** (page 11) for UNICEF Chanukah Cards, most distasteful. Since UNICEF raises funds for UNESCO, it should be boycotted.

Elsie Rosen,
Toronto

'Don't punish children'

Dear Editor:

We were appalled to learn shortly before Hallowe'en that some of our community organizations had written letters urging Jewish children not to carry UNICEF boxes with their trick-or-treat bags. The children were told that this was an appropriate way to protest the UN vote on the PLO, and, even worse, that the money was being given to "murderers of Jewish children." How could anyone believe that children should suffer for the misdeeds of politicians?,

How should Jews respond to the awful events of our time? What do we do about political oppression, hunger, and starvation in the world? What do we say to the terrible injustice of the United Nations, supposedly an organization devoted to world peace, inviting avowed terrorists to meet with it? Should our answers be humane, or do we succumb to the hatred and intolerance which surround us?

We had an opportunity to teach our children a lesson in Judaism, a lesson of concern and compassion. We had a chance to show them that although the world may be cruel, kindness and charity endure. It is unfortunate that many of our people were too angry and emotional to consider the facts of this case.

The facts, as distinguished from rumors, are these:

UNICEF furnishes aid only upon the request of the participating countries. From 1948 to 1962 UNICEF provided $1,500,000 to Israel. From 1962 to 1974 Israel fortunately did not need help but continued to contribute monies to UNICEF. Following the Yom Kippur War, UNICEF offered aid to all the countries involved, and in 1974 Israel asked for, and received, $30,000 for use in rebuilding kindergartens destroyed during the war.

With these facts in mind, how can we, as Canadian Jews, refuse to support UNICEF?

Roslyn Pauker,
Francie Storm,
Toronto

Requests guarantee

Dear Editor:

In the Friday, Nov. 15 edition of **The Canadian Jewish News** there is an article about the UNICEF's Festival of Lights greeting cards. In your issue of Nov. 22 UNICEF placed advertising for these cards.

Although I doubt that the design was made special for Chanukah (the colors red, gold, rose and white are more reminiscent of Christmas) I would agree that this cause is worthwhile. However, since UNICEF is an agency of the UNESCO and this world-organization decided last week to exclude Israel from their aid-program and even excluded Israel from all regional committees, I would like to get a written confirmation from UNICEF Canada, that Israel will not be excluded from their grants before I decide to buy these cards.

Herman Landau,
Toronto

Eruv expands

Dear Editor:

The city of Metropolitan Toronto is one of the few Jewish communities on this continent to be fortunate enough to have an Eruv. The Eruv was first erected by the late Rabbi J.L. Graubart, then of Toronto, about 1/2 a century ago. The information regarding the Eruv is contained in the third volume of the late rabbi's book. The northern boundary of the Eruv at that time was Bloor Street but with the movement of the Jewish population to the northern areas of our metropolis, Rabbi Abraham A. Price took the initiative in 1951 of extending the Eruv to Wilson Avenue. At that time, a special book was published by Rabbi Price explaining its extension which received the approval and blessing of the great rabbinic scholars of Israel and the Diaspora.

But with the constant movement north of the Jewish residents of Toronto the Eruv was extended again. This happened several times and the present northern boundary is Steeles Avenue from Willowdale Avenue to Dufferin; south on Dufferin to Finch Avenue, continuing on Finch Avenue and south on Jane Street to Albion Road, connecting with the Humber River.

Rabbi Price is mainly involved with the kashruth and maintenance of the Eruv, and the general supervisor of the Eruv is Mr. Eli Munk who works in close consultation with Rabbi Price. Mr. Munk has appointed several young men in various districts of the community to control and supervise the Eruv so that it will be kosher for Shabbat. They consult with Mr. Munk who in turn discusses all halachic matters concerning the Eruv with Rabbi Price.

The North York Hydro recently put cables underground in the Yonge/Sheppard district and there was a need to extend the Eruv and erect new guidelines. Rabbi Price and myself, with Mr. Munk and his assistants, inspected the boundaries of the Eruv as recently as Nov. 12, of this year, and all necessary changes and repairs were made.

The section of the eastern boundary is along the Don River, then Cameron Avenue connecting with Sheppard Avenue and then Willowdale Avenue north to Steeles Avenue. Precautions were taken to eliminate any problems which may arise from Hydro cables going underground in the northern section of Yonge Street.

I hope the above corrected information will clarify this matter for your readers and the Jewish community in general.

Rabbi Gedalia Felder,
Toronto

For this week only, Rochelle Carr's column, Landmark Events in Our History can be found on Page 15.

On the surface, all is well but real mood of country can be found underground

By MOURA WOLPERT
TEL AVIV –

A year after the Yom Kippur War, the real mood of Israel has gone underground. On the surface, all is well. Streets are clogged with cars, stores filled with goods and shoppers, a well-dressed and well-fed population going about the daily business of living with energy and purpose.

The prosperity is surprising, the standard of living unexpectedly high. And though inflation rages, everyone, it seems, can afford whatever they need.

Underneath, the story is different.

Israel is 23 years old. He wants to know about Canada. A year ago, he was in the army on Yom Kippur, somewhere in the Golan. A few days later, he was sent to the Suez. "My wife drove her mother crazy. She cried every day." It is for her sake that he asks about Canada.

But how can he leave? "There is too much blood, too much blood."

He is a tall, strikingly handsome young man with the sort of dark-haired, blue-eyed good looks that, in a bygone era, would have had Hollywood talent scouts fighting for him.

"I used to visit my friends before the war. How can I not go to see their parents now?" he asks and knows he will never be able to leave.

He is worried about the economy, too. The country became too rich too fast, he says, and something, somewhere, will have to give.

He is not bitter, only sad. The complacency that had begun to creep in after the Six Day War is gone and like everyone else in Israel, he knows it will be a long time before there is real peace. He continues to ask about Canada and about the possibility of emigrating. But it is only to please his wife. For himself, after what happened a year ago, he knows there can be no other place.

Margalit is different. She hates. Openly and unashamedly. She is Israeli-born, the widow of a doctor who died when the youngest of her four children was only a baby. She is also a nurse and she has seen too much. She has no option but to nurse Arab patients at her hospital but apart from that, she avoids them. Though she lives in Jerusalem, she never enters the old city for fear of coming into contact with Arabs.

She tries to be as matter-of-fact as she can. Her eldest son is in the army, the second one will have to go soon. When she attempts to discuss the future with him, university, a trade, a profession, he bluntly asks: "What for?"

"They are all like that," she says. "He knows there will be another war and that

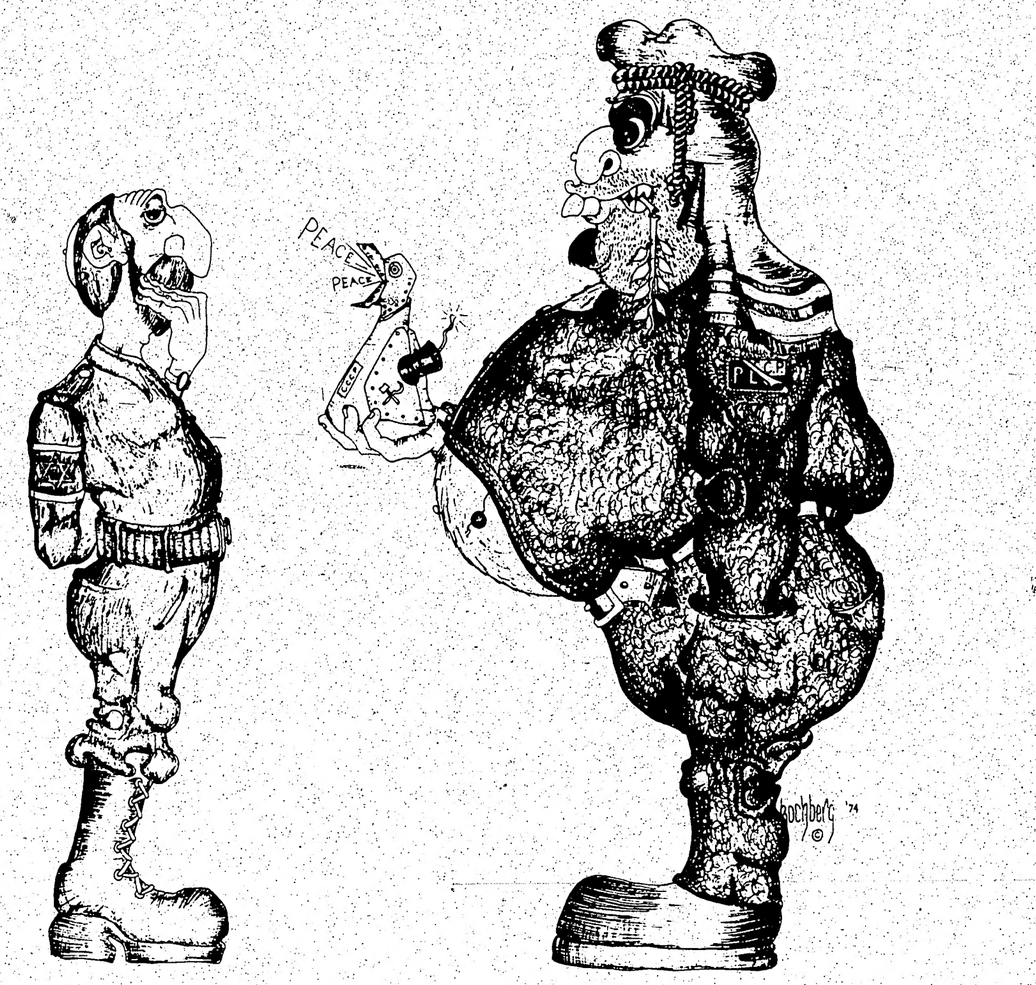
Asked whether she feels the same about the Germans as the Arabs, she merely shrugs. "It is a different generation. They are not brought up to hate." As for the Arabs, hatred is the only thing they are taught and Margalit makes no secret of her fears.

Moshe came to Palestine as a teenager, in the mid-30s. When he was 15, he was recruited by the Haganah and when World War II broke out, they sent him to join the British forces. Later, he became a professional soldier.

Grey-haired and gentle, he was recently called out of retirement to take on the job of commanding officer of a military cemetery, to organize and supervise the reburial of soldiers killed in the Yom Kippur War. Fourteen funerals a day, every day, for two months. The only way he could take the strain was to get up at 4:30 a.m. to run for miles and to swim.

"Never again," he says. He has seen six wars -- the Arab riots of the 30s were no less a war than the others -- and he wants to see no more. "But there will be more. Thirty years, at least, before we can have peace." Thirty years before another generation of Arabs has grown up, a generation that, perhaps, will be as tired of war as Israel.

"What we must do now," he says, "is to concentrate on building a Jewish state rather than Israel. Let them have the West Bank. It will bring only problems for us. There are too many Arabs and in time they will outnumber us. We don't need them."



'Here's Our Dove Of Peace' **Ian Kochberg cartoon**

Ottawa at the UN– with forked tongue and withered hand

By J.B. SALSBERG

The good name of Canada was degraded at the UN General Assembly on Friday, Nov. 22nd, by Canada's own representatives at that international body.

The responsibility for this shameful act should not, of course, be laid at the doors of those individuals who performed the ignoble roles before the eyes and ears of the whole world. The responsibility for this performance should be placed squarely where it belongs -- on the shoulders of the Ottawa government.

It was Ottawa that spoke, through the lips of its Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mr. Allan J. MacEachen, out of both sides of its diplomatic mouth from the rostrum of the assembly, on Nov. 20, during the final stages of the debate on "Palestinian rights." And it was Ottawa's political right hand that withered and could not be raised when the vote was reached two days later.

In his speech on behalf of Canada Mr. MacEachen did, on two occasions, refer to Israel's right to exist. This he did between lengthy declamations on the "right of Palestinians to participate" in any Middle East settlement.

In these days of cynicism and infamy at the UN even this type of wishy-washy stand might have been considered as passable. But Canada's abstention from the vote on the resolution that is universally recognized as being aimed at the destruction of the state of Israel fully justifies the conclusion that the Ottawa government spoke at the UN with forked tongue and that its right hand withered when the crunch was reached -- when the votes had to be counted.

Too harsh a judgment and too undiplomatic a statement? Not at all! Thank heaven that I need not engage in diplomatic niceties. I can find no milder characterization of Ottawa's role at the UN during the one-sided debate that ended in the disgraceful surrender to the PLO.

Am I exaggerating the venality of Ottawa's action? I don't think so. (Nor do I think that the opposition parties, with notable individual exceptions, have spoken out forthrightly as one might have expected.) I went no further than did some of the outstanding newspapers in our country in their news reports and editorial appraisal of the UN decision. Here are some examples.

The Toronto Star news report of the UN vote: "The UN General Assembly endorsed the creation of a state of Palestine yesterday and called on all countries to help the Palestinian Liberation Organization (PLO) struggle for that goal." **The Star** story further says: "Much of the UN clearly found it distasteful to imply support for the destruction of Israel. Even more uncomfortable was the knowledge that 'struggle' by the PLO would likely mean more terrorism." So much for **The Star's** report.

In its lead editorial on Monday, Nov. 25th headed "UN votes to support terrorism" **The Star** states very correctly: "In voting for the creation of a Palestinian Arab state, the United Nations General Assembly chose the most irresponsible and dangerous way to serve a legitimate objective." The editorial proceeds to recognize the Palestinians claim to a homeland. "But," **The Star** editorial continues, "that is no excuse for passing a resolution that implies the destruction of Israel, as the General Assembly did Friday . . ."

The Toronto Globe and Mail, in a Nov. 26 editorial under the caption "The UN takes oil for peace," says: "The United Nations begins to look like the League of Nations in its last days." The editorial says further: "The two resolutions passed by the UN General Assembly on Friday institutionalized terrorism." Further, trying to find a reason for the behavior of the the majority of nations who voted for the PLO, **The Globe and Mail** editorial concludes: "They put oil ahead of the UN principle, and so the United Nations lost validity as an institution for peace, and with every day that its disintegration continues the possibility of war increases."

The Catholic Register, in an evaluation written by Mr. Larry Henderson, says: " . . . Today another Munich is in the making at the United Nations. The invitation extended to the Palestinian Liberation Organization to participate in the debate over the future of Palestine bears a strong resemblance to Munich. The invitation is extended under the threat of international terrorism."

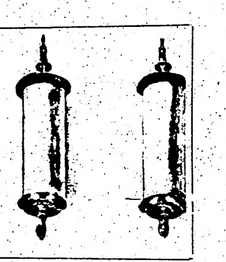
Didn't Ottawa know all that? Of course it did. Yet our government's representatives at the International Civil Aviation Organization abstained from voting on the motion to allow the PLO to be seated in that body. Canada did not join Israel, the USA, Norway, Iceland and four other nations to vote against the Arab-sponsored resolution on Nov. 20 but chose, instead, to join with the cowed Western European states to abstain from the vote.

There is no question that abstention, in this instance, is tantamount to voting for the Arab-sponsored resolution to destroy Israel. It was more than cowardice, it was a cynical and deceitful act on the part of Ottawa. Sad but, as I see it, true and we must call a spade a spade.

There is always time, says rabbi

'One is never too old to begin serving Almighty'

sparks from the torah



By RABBI MEIR GOTTESMAN

Parshat Vayeshev/Erev Chanukah
Vayeeshalaihu ha'ish laymor mah tivakesh . . . And the man asked him, saying, "What seekest thou? . . ."

. . . . . .

When a person really wants to do something, there's always time -- and when he doesn't, there are always excuses . . .

Once a former student of the Chofetz Chaim visited his Rabbi and asked, "I've gone into business, and **boruch Hashem**, I'm very successful -- but it leaves me only a half hour a day to study from the holy books . . . What should I study?" The Chofetz Chaim answered, "spend the time studying **mussar** -- the moral teachings on how a Jew should conduct his life." "But Rabbi," the student insisted, "wouldn't it be better to study **Chumash** or the **Talmud** -- why **mussar**?" The saint laughed, "because if you study **mussar**, you'll soon realize that you can spare more than a half hour a day to study Torah . . ."

That's why we find an interesting thing. When Joseph was sold into Egypt by his jealous brothers, he soon rose to the top because of his "Yiddisher kup" . . . Joseph had every excuse to say he was too "busy" to go to shul or keep the **mitzvahs**. On the one hand he was a prosperous man -- "**Vayehee ish matzliach**" -- with plenty of business deals to worry about. And on the other hand, "**Vayehee b'vais adonuv hamitzri**," he still suffered the hardship of being a servant, "in the house of his Egyptian master" . . . and could have said, "who has time to study Torah. I have to get ahead in the world . . ." But instead, what happened? "**Vayechee Hashem et Yoseph**," Joseph said "prosper, shmosper . . . how can I give up an eternal world to come by wasting all my time on a temporary **olam hazeh**, that I will have to leave someday . . ." (**Da'as Zkayneem mee'baalay Hatosfos**)

No Jew is ever too old to make a new start in serving G-d -- even if he was too busy all his life. Take Judah, for example . . . He was the "Rabbi" to all his brothers, but after they kidnapped and sold Joseph into slavery and realized what **tzaar** -- deep agony -- they caused their father Jacob, they "fired" him saying, "what kind of Rabbi were you that you didn't stop us from doing such a terrible deed? . . ."

What did Judah do -- he went and got married. Why? But Judah said, "now I realize that all my life I didn't really know how to serve G-d properly -- everything I've done until now was off base. What shall I do, say it's too late -- a Jew is forbidden to ever be **meya'aish**, despair about himself. I have to start over from the very beginning, step by step . . . and the very first mitzvah is to get married and have children . . ." (**Menachem Mendel of Kotzk**)

The greatest gift we can give our children on Chanukah is not just more games and money. That's not why our Rabbis created Chanukah. We must give them complete faith in G-d and love of Torah. We should give them "spiritual gelt" -- story books about the great saints and heroes of Judaism, to inspire them.

We should give them our own time, to sit and study Torah with them . . . The greatest Chanukah light is the example of our own deeds.

Shabbat Shalom and Happy Chanukah.

Please note our new Sparks from the Torah TV schedule: *Metro Cable, Mondays at 7:30, Wednesdays at 5; Willow Downs Cable, Tuesdays at 8:30; York Cable, Wednesdays at 4; Keeble Cable, Thursdays at 7.*

World developments add special interest to the publication of Weizmann's writings

By NECHEMIA MEYERS
CJN Israel Correspondent

REHOVOT –

Yasser Arafat's total rejection of any compromise with Zionism has lent special interest to the imminent publication of letters written by Israel's first president, Dr. Chaim Weizmann, in connection with the Balfour Declaration, which laid the foundation for the Zionist state.

Nechemia Meyers

The hitherto private letters will appear in Volume VII of a proposed 27-volume series of Dr. Weizmann's letters, speeches, memoranda and articles being issued here by the Keter Publishing House in English and by Mosad Bialik in Hebrew. This ambitious project would never have gotten off the ground had it not been for Meyer Weisgal, Weizmann's loyal disciple, who also serves as general editor of both editions.

Weisgal's efforts are inspired not only by his desire to put the information on record, but also because, in his view, Weizmann's ideals are still relevant.

It is certainly interesting -- in the wake of recent international developments -- to read how Weizmann sought to convince Lord Balfour that Zionism was worthy of his support. Writing to him on Oct. 3, 1917, a month before the Balfour Declaration was issued by the British government, Weizmann declared: "Whether the Jewish masses are 'scientifically' justified in thinking of themselves as a nation, is a mere academic question . . . Where there is a human mass claiming recognition as a nation the case for such recognition is complete."

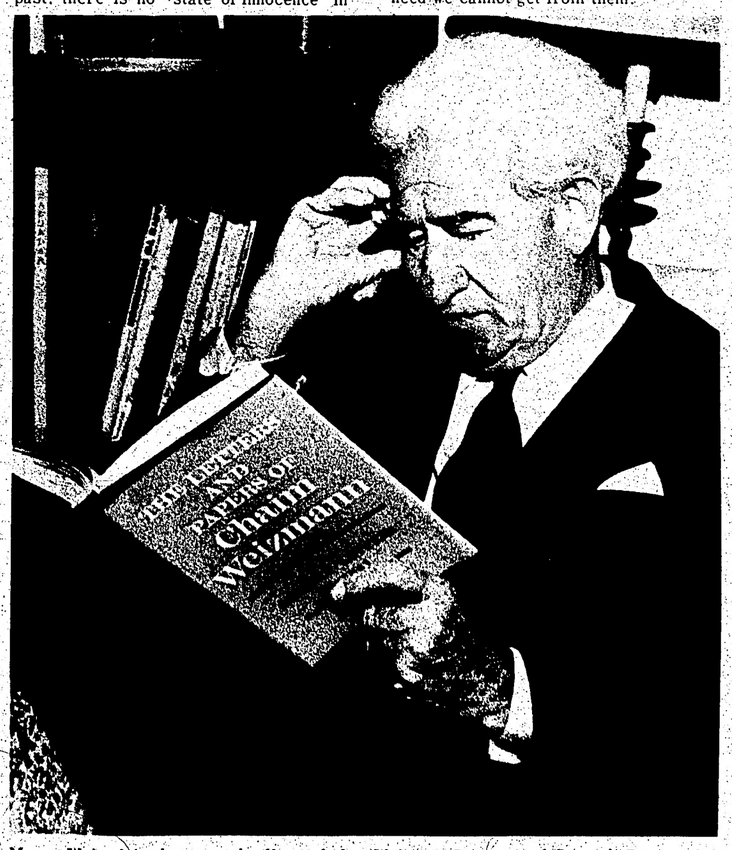
Ironically, this same type of argument is now being used by Arafat to justify Arab nationalism, while denying the legitimacy of Jewish nationalism.

Weizmann's defenders claim that he was always aware of Arab nationalism and constantly sought an accommodation with the Arabs, citing in particular his 1920 agreement with Emir Feisal, grand-uncle of King Hussein.

Other observers, among them Moshe Dayan, feel differently. In a recent interview Dayan said "Weizmann (like Ben-Gurion, for that matter) knew nothing about the Arabs and nothing about the direction that their ambitions and political aspirations would take." Israel's former defence minister, nevertheless, feels this "state of innocence" was probably a good thing, and suggests, "had they realized the hardships that lay ahead they would probably have lost heart."

Whatever may have been true in the past, there is no "state of innocence" in Israel today. All that remains is a controversy as to whether eventual peace with the Arabs is possible. Some -- I suppose one would call them optimists -- echo Weizmann, who steadfastly argued that "complete co-operation with the Arabs" would be achieved.

The pessimists recall the remarks of a contemporary of Weizmann, Dr. Arthur Ruppin. Writing in 1931, decades before Arafat's arrogant appearance at the UN, Ruppin warned: "What we can get from the Arabs is of no use to us, and what we need we cannot get from them."



Meyer Weisgal is the general editor of the 'Weizman Letters and Papers'. During the 1930s, Weisgal lived in Toronto where he was the editor of the "Jewish Standard."

Letter to the Editor

CIC reply weak

Dear Editor:

It was interesting to read Mr. Philip Givens defence of his Zionist administration against the attack of Ben Milner. The CIC, he said, was "conducting a campaign on a shoestring." But who budgeted the shoestring at a time when Arab interests had for years spent millions to undermine Israel's and world Jewry's image? The incipient signs of their success were apparent years ago. Where was the CIC? Or better yet, where were the Zionists, to breathe down the neck of the CIC to do something, while giving them money to do it.

In New York 100,000 people marched, though the U.S. voted no on the PLO. In Montreal a hastily called protest with five days notice produced some loyal (and valiant, in view of the weather) adherents but too few and too late. Where are the "personalities" to reply to all the newscasters and commentators?

Mr. Givens calls Mr. Milner "one of our choleric and apoplectic Zionists we hear from every so often." Perhaps such Zionists should be heard from more often. If Zionists are subject to afflictions, cholera and apoplexy seem far more desirable than catalepsy and sleeping sickness.

S. J. Spiro,
Toronto

Organizations and People

what's new...

By MIRIAM HERMAN

JEWISH MARRIAGE SEMINAR

This Sunday, Dec. 8, the Jewish Marriage Education Committee is holding a one-day symposium for young people getting married in the near future. The subjects up for discussion will include psychological factors and communication; sexual relationships; family planning; and the marriage ceremony. Speakers will include Rabbi and Mrs. Meyer Berglas, Shaarei Tefillah Congregation; Rabbi Howard Sacknovitz, Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue education director; and Dr. Joseph Berger, psychiatrist. Sessions begin at 10:30 a.m. at the BBYO House.

LUBAVITCH YOUTH EVENTS

As part of their Menorah Campaign to encourage people to light Chanukah candles, the Lubavitch Youth Organization has assembled a kit consisting of a menorah, candles, a dreidl, and a short description of Chanukah. It is available for as little as $1 (if you're unable to pay, it is for free). Just call the LYO office.

Also, LYO is planning two Chanukah celebrations -- one on Sunday, Dec. 8, for youngsters 6-13 years old at Fisherville Junior High School, Patricia Avenue, Willowdale, from 1:45 - 3:30 p.m. . . . The other is a latke party for newly arrived Russian immigrants on Tuesday, Dec. 10, at 8 p.m. at Eitz Chaim School Patricia Avenue branch.

SYMPOSIUM ON JEWISH WOMEN

A symposium on **The Jewish Woman: Past, Present and Future** is being sponsored by the Jewish Public Library on Tuesday, Dec. 10, at 8 p.m. at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue. Panelists will be Rabbi Yitzhak Kerzner, Clanton Park Congregation; York University Professor Marcia Effrat; and University of Toronto Professor Ben Schlesinger. Rabbi Henry Hoschander of Shaarei Shomayim will moderate.

TO RUSSIA WITH LOVE

The Student Council for Oppressed Jewry, under the auspices of Congress, will be manning booths in five spots in Metro Toronto this Sunday, Dec. 8, to provide Chanukah cards to be sent to Jews in Russia. The booths will be at the Northern Y, Beth Tzedec, Temple Sinai, Beth Sholom and Shaarei Shomayim, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. All it will cost you to send a card is 15c for mailing. And if your children attend religious school at any of those synagogues, send the postage money along with them so that they can send cards too.

MORE ABOUT WOMEN

Another discussion about women, this one entitled **The Woman in the Window**, will be covered by University of Toronto lecturer Hadassa Rosenberg at a Beth Tikvah Sisterhood meeting Tuesday, Dec. 10, at 8:30 p.m. at the synagogue. The subject will deal with the influence of women throughout Jewish history on the development of our heritage.

CHANUKAH DOINGS

More Chanukah parties for young and older -- On Saturday, Dec. 7, the Jewish Student Federation of York University and the Hillel Foundation of the University of Toronto are having their first joint annual Chanukah dance. It is at 8:30 p.m. at the Zionist Centre, with Mike McKenna (formerly with Mainline) and his band Diamondback. Proceeds go to Israel . . . ***Then on Sunday, Dec. 8, the United Synagogue Youth are having a carnival to raise funds for parcels for Israeli soldiers. Fun will include games, gifts and toys. It takes place at Beth Tzedec from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. . . . ***That same afternoon, B'nai B'rith Girls are sponsoring a children's party from 1 - 4 p.m. at the BBYO House. There will be an arts and crafts demonstration by Dr. Mark Zimmerman, a play, songs and games . . . ***The New Horizons Day Centre (established by the Hungarian-Jewish community) is having their party Sunday, the 8th, at 3 p.m. at the Bialik School, Viewmount Avenue . . . ***In the evening of the 8th, the Chadera Club of Toronto Pioneer Women's annual Chanukah dinner takes place at 6 p.m. at the Workman's Circle building. It is in aid of their Spiritual Adopt-a-Child program. Guest speaker will be Toronto council vice-president Malka Mirsky with a musical program by Sarah Hertzberg . . . Also on the 8th, the Shalhevet (Candlelight) Club is having a dance beginning at 8 p.m. at Beth Sholom Synagogue. Proceeds go to their adopt-a-child-in-Israel fund . . . *** Then on Thursday, Dec. 12, it is family night at Beth Sholom Synagogue. That is the date for their annual Chanukah "do" for parents and children. Fun begins at 6 p.m.

FOR JEWS IN ARAB LANDS

The Dr. Ronald Feld Foundation for Jews in Arab Lands of Beth Tzedec Synagogue received a cable from the rabbi of Damascus, Syria, in which he begged to be sent 50 sets of tefillin. Anyone who has an extra set, or who wishes to donate one, can leave it at the Beth Tzedec office. The tefillin will be sent immediately to Damascus by the foundation.

HOLIDAY DEADLINE DATES

As there will be no Dec. 27 issue of this paper, all material for events up to Jan. 3 will have to appear in the Dec. 20 issue. Since this column is put together a week in advance, all material for that date must reach this desk by Dec. 12.

...about people

Louis Silver

Toronto lawyer **Louis Silver**, president of the Zionist Revisionist Organization of Canada, Central Region, has been named chairman of the 1975 Canadian Zionist Federation convention set for next Nov. 14 - 17 in Toronto.

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Last December, just weeks after emigrating to Canada with his parents and younger brother, **Arkady Shindelman**, 19-year-old Russian violin prodigy, made his professional debut in Toronto at the Israel Bond Chanukah Festival. This week, Arkady returned to his home in Toronto with the prestigious laurels he just won at the International Violin Competitions held in Naples, Italy. Of all those participating and among them many from Russia, the judges chose seven finalists. Arkady, the youngest of the finalists, won sixth place. Appropriately enough, his first Toronto audience since winning this international prize will be those thousands attending this year's Israel Bond Chanukah Festival at O'Keefe Centre on Sunday, Dec. 15, at 8:30 p.m.

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Toronto businessman **Harry Korolnek** and Montreal realtor **Morris Pollack** were among the 18 Jewish communal leaders honored at an annual Torah Umesorah awards dinner in New York recently. Each received an Amudim (Pillar of Society) Award for their efforts for Jewish education. Torah Umesorah, the National Society for Hebrew Day Schools, represents 474 day schools in Canada and the U.S.

When Holly Blossom Temple members vote for their new slate of officers and board of trustees this Sunday, they will be voting for the first woman president of a Reform congregation in Toronto -- president-elect is **Henrietta Chesnie**, a past Sisterhood president. Mrs. Chesnie will be officially presented as president at the congregation's Chanukah Ball next Saturday evening, Dec. 14. Outgoing president is **Irving P. Sussman**.

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Elliot Larman, supervisor of child protection and court services for the Jewish Family and Child Services, is the only Canadian participating in the eighth seminar for World Jewish Service which opened at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem Nov. 23, and runs to Jan. 2. The seminar is to give Jewish communal workers an opportunity to enhance the level of their practice and to intensify their knowledge and understanding of Jewish identity, and Israel and Diaspora relations. Mr. Larman was able to attend by way of a grant from the Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University plus some financial assistance from his own agency and other local and national organizations.

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When Israeli scientist Professor David **Barzilai** was in Toronto recently he addressed a group of doctors at the home of **Dr. Ben Glatt**. An endocrinologist at the Technion School of Medicine and the Haifa Rambam Hospital, Dr. Barzilai has just concluded his sabbatical at Harvard Medical School. His Toronto visit was hosted by the local chapter of the Canadian Technion Society together with city members of the Israel Medical Association. Describing the "marriage" between the Haifa School of Medicine and the Technion-Israel Institute of Technology, he said that the various engineering sciences must be engaged in the service of the medical and biological sciences, just as doctors can also help the engineering disciplines by working together.

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CJN music critic **Rick Kardonne** has had an article published in the New York Jewish magazine **Present Tense**. The article, **Jews in Quebec**, appears in the winter issue which is on the stands this month.

'Generally anything fried in oil is rule'

Culinary traditions of our maligned holiday

bon appetit

By MARCIA KRETZMER

A friend of mine who is in Jewish education, once told me that one of his pupils, when asked to relate the story of Chanukah, said that the Chanukah lights recall the dark barn where Mary and Joseph took refuge when there was no room in the inn. After the birth of Jesus, the three kings brought lanterns to illuminate the gloom -- hence the Chanukah candles.

Chanukah must surely be the most mauled and abused festival in the Jewish calendar. It was instituted by Judah the Maccabee as an eight-day festival when he and his followers purified the Temple after their victory over the armies of Antiochus. The story of the miracle of the cruse of oil also became strongly associated with the festival.

Chanukah shares some of the features of Pesach and Purim: miraculous victory and deliverance, national autonomy and religious freedom. In Israel, where Chanukah is celebrated very enthusiastically, these themes of course have special poignance.

However, it cannot compare for significance or scope to the major festivals of the Jewish year, Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, Pesach, Shavuoth and Succoth. Yet many Jews are firmly convinced that Chanukah is the major Jewish festival. This came about largely because well-meaning parents, educators and rabbis, wanting to offset the enormous appeal of Christmas to the Jewish child, attempted to make Chanukah the Jewish equivalent of Christmas.

The child was showered with expensive presents -- one for every night of the festival, in rather gross imitation of the song, "On the first night of Christmas my true love gave to me . . ."

Naturally, the house was decorated, parties were given and banquets held (with menus suspiciously resembling a Christmas dinner). Rather insipid songs were concocted which any honest person will have to admit have nowhere near the enchantment or appeal of Christmas carols.

The net result has been a wholly untraditional redefinition of Chanukah through which the status of the major religious festivals has undoubtedly suffered. In "bringing Chanukah into line with Christmas," a slightly bizarre ecumenical atmosphere prevails whereby generally untutored Jewish children present a garbled account of the festival to their non-Jewish classmates, all the while with the sinking feeling that eating latkes cannot compare with turkey - with - all - the - trimmings, and that spinning dreidls is not as much fun as decorating the Christmas tree.

Chanukah has its own very delightful traditions, celebration within the family circle, small presents for the children, usually money, gifts for teachers, games and small get-togethers. In Israel there is the relay run with a flaming torch from Mod'in, village of the Maccabees to Jerusalem.

But Chanukah, after all, is a non-Biblical and minor festival in the Jewish calendar and it is sad to think that a distorted version of this festival represents the sum total of Jewish experience to many Jewish children.

Culinary traditions associated with the festival are fairly restricted, but generally anything fried in oil is the rule, because of the association with the miraculous cruse of oil which lasted for eight days.

In Israel, **Soofganiot**, (doughnuts) are eaten -- not the North American kind coated with chocolate icing and with a hole in the middle. Soofganiot are more like English doughnuts, large, fist-shaped, rolled in granulated sugar and with a blob of jam in the middle. They are marvellous eaten fresh and perfectly ghastly after even a few hours.

Most people prefer to buy soofganiot from the bakery; so I offer here a reliable latke recipe and a marvellous recipe for dreidl, Magen David and menorah shaped cookies. These were given me by Nancy Siller of Toronto, who runs a research consultancy business and still finds time to cook and bake constantly with great flair.

Last year, her cookies were made with a perfection of precision and symmetry. This year, she was helped by my son, so they were a little wobbly, but delicious just the same. Shabbat Shalom and Chag Sameach!

Nancy Siller places her dreidl-shaped Chanukah cookies in her oven. . . . (Jacob El-Baz photograph)

Nancy's Gingernut Chanukah Cookies

1/4 cup vegetable shortening	*1/2 cup brown sugar*
4 tblsp. orange juice	*3 cups flour*
1 tsp. baking soda	*1/2 tsp. salt*
1 1/4 tsp. ground ginger	*1/4 tsp. nutmeg*
	1 tsp. cinnamon

1. cream sugar and shortening. Add molasses and mix well with wooden spoon. Add the orange juice
2. stir in flour 1 cup at a time, mixing thoroughly together with salt, baking soda and spices. The dough should be fairly stiff
3. flour a board and rolling pin, roll out handfuls of dough 1/4" thick. Cut out dreidls, menorahs and Magen Davids with cookie cutters. Place on oiled cookie sheets and bake at 350° for 12 minutes. Leave on cookie tray till quite cool before removing. (They will flatten out and harden while cooling.) Dust with powdered sugar. Yield: 3 dozen.

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Potato Latkes

6 med. potatoes	*2 eggs*
1 med. onion finely grated	*1 tsp. salt*
	2 tblsp. matza meal

white pepper to taste

1. in a bowl, mix the eggs and the matza meal. Stir in the onion, salt and pepper
2. peel and grate the potatoes very coarsely. Drain thoroughly and stir into egg mixture
3. heat 4—6 tblsp. of oil in a large frying pan. Place level tblsp. of the potato mixture in the pan and flatten. Fry quickly on each side till browned and crisp. Serve with generous globs of sour cream, or if it is a meat meal, with applesauce. Makes about 12—15 latkes

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Sol Stern, former editor of "Ramparts Magazine," lectures to students at McGill University's Hillel House.

Sol Stern touches a raw edge —nature of the Jewish state

By ELLIE COLEMAN

MONTREAL –

"You want Utopia, not Israel," a man told Sol Stern after hearing the journalist lecture at McGill University's Hillel House.

"How can you say that Israel's religious laws infringe on civil liberties?" another listener demanded.

Stern's analysis of Israel's problems harshly criticizes major aspects of the country's domestic policy and the solution he proposes spells, in the minds of some Jews, the end of the Jewish homeland as defined by Zionism.

"I've been talking about something which touches a raw edge -- the nature of the Jewish state. People are very defensive about it," the former editor of **Ramparts** magazine explained later. "It's easy to confuse what I'm saying with malicious attacks on Israel, even with a criticism by the Palestinian Liberation Organization which talks of a democratic secular state. But even though there's good reason to feel anxiety about the future of Israel and be supportive of it, it's not a time for irrationality."

Stern visited Iseael in 1970 for **Ramparts**, a leftist publication which emerged during the '60s. He returned in 1971 as a freelance journalist, staying for 2 1/2 years. He now lives in New York.

According to Stern, Israel must redefine her concept of nationality to encompass the Arab population within her borders. By allowing Israeli Arabs to participate in Israeli society, she could provide them with an alternative to allying with the surrounding Arab majority.

"The alternative Israel now offers its Arab population is that of separate development and economic security," he said. "Every Israeli minister concerned with the Arab question will tell you, 'We've improved their standard of living, their education, we've modernized the Arab village.'

"These are accomplishments, but anyone who has studied national liberation movements will know it is not sufficient. When you are conscious enough to have gone to university, you increasingly face the question of identity."

Arab graduates from Israeli universities have great difficulty finding jobs in Tel Aviv and Jerusalem, the centres of Israeli cosmopolitan life, says Stern. They are made to feel that because they are not Jewish, they are not fully Israeli. Most return to their villages to teach. A scar of rejection remains.

"For a university graduate, the question of identity and citizenship is extremely important," Stern explained. "I don't believe that bringing more affluence to the Arabs is going to solve such problems. And to the extent that Israel doesn't solve these problems, she will have a much more dangerous local population to deal with."

The only way to create a situation in which full allegiance to Israel does not depend on being Jewish is to separate religion from politics, says Stern, who feels the religious element in government is causing Israel to stagnate internally.

While Orthodox Jewish law governs the country, only 15% of the population is Orthodox, Stern points out, a situation he terms "a near-theocracy.

"You can't decide how you want to be married, how you want to be buried, there is no intermarriage. It's the only place in the world where you have a significant amount of Jewish anti-clericalism . . . I believe Judaism is stagnating in Israel today because of the coercive aspects of religious life. If religion is kept separate from the state, Israel will flourish as a centre of Judaism."

Stern delivers his harshest invective against religious domination when describing the Knesset debates which took place during the October war. For two weeks, the Israeli Parliament debated the religious status of people arriving in Israel who have been converted to Judaism by non-Orthodox rabbis. Stern finds it absurd that the Knesset argued over "Who is a Jew?" while Israeli soldiers were fighting to preserve the nation.

"They should have been discussing foreign policy and security," Stern said. "Protests over what was happening in the Knesset came from soldiers, from citizens both of the right and the left and even from some religious people."

In Stern's view, the neglect of vital problems also is reflected in Israel's immigration policy, which has aliyah as its central goal.

He would like to see a return to Zionism's earlier integrationist tendencies. He wants a pluralistic nation which, while retaining a Jewish majority, would welcome other groups.

At present, non-Jewish immigration is unofficially discouraged, a fact Stern learned while his Israeli wife was recruiting for aliyah.

New chairman Phyllis Sugar

Seeks to increase WSJ activities

By ROCHELLE CARR

TORONTO –

The new chairman of Women for Soviet Jewry, Phyllis Sugar, is following the advice of her late father, David Josephs. He taught her that if you do not like something, the only way it can be rectified is if you take decisive action to make it better.

She joined WSJ (she is the only present member who has been with the organization since its inception in Toronto) because she was determined to do something about a situation which appeared as if it were "the '30s all over again, except now it was Russia instead of Germany."

Mrs. Sugar, who came from England shortly before World War II, explained the futility of merely discussing the plight of Russian Jews with your next door neighbor. When people begin such discussions, she ask, "What are you doing about it?"

In an interview with **The Canadian Jewish News**, the soft-spoken mother of two sons and a daughter explained what she hopes to achieve during her chairmanship. Presently, she does not feel that most organizations and synagogues are involved enough, at a time when Soviet Jews are "putting out their hands for help and when the Russian government does seem to bend somewhat to worldwide protest."

In addition to getting more organizations and synagogues involved, particularly in helping the destitute families of activists, Mrs. Sugar wants the WSJ to work more closely with people anticipating a trip to the Soviet Union. She explained the organization can put these people in touch with others who have just returned, to facilitate their travel plans.

As well, tourists to Russia can benefit the cause of Soviet Jewry if they are first made aware of certain facts. She noted that, for instance, many people visit the Moscow synagogue and leave behind siddurim and talesmin, which is quite useless since the KGB are there and immediately confiscate them.

In addition to continuing phone calls to Russia, the befriend-a-family campaign, sending telegrams, letters, money and books, the organization is providing a speakers' bureau where men and women who have been to Russia will speak to any group about their experiences there.

Mrs. Sugar is stressing the role of men in this cause. She does not feel they have, by and large, been as active as they can be. With this in mind, she would like to get different groups like lawyers and scientists to link up with their counterparts in Russia.

She believes that at this point many people "still do not fully realize our collective strength." Hoping many more will soon come to realize this fact, she is looking for an excellent turnout on Human Rights' Day on Dec. 10 at Nathan Phillips Square for a demonstration on behalf of the Prisoners of Conscience.

In addition to what she learned from her parents, she gets encouragement from her husband, David, and their three children Jeff, Teri Lynn and Gary, who have gone on demonstrations with her.

Phyllis Sugar, chairman, Women for Soviet Jewry.

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Christianity's historical attitude towards Jew is undergoing change

voice of youth

By JEFFREY LIPSITZ

"Historically, Christianity has had a tradition of anti-Judaism and religious anti-Semitism. However, there has been a change of attitude since 1945, with Christianity's sensitivity to its own demonic side of tradition; this was motivated partially by a sense of guilt, and new insight into the relativity and relative nature (of the Jewish faith) . . ."

That is what Prof. Alan Davies, a Christian theologian with the department of religious studies at Victoria University, told the Community Hebrew Academy's grade 10 students at a seminar on **Christianity and the Jews**.

Prof. Davies was one of four guest speakers at the seminar.

Rabbi Irwin Witty, director of Toronto's Board of Jewish Education and director of CHAT, was the first speaker, and discussed **Christians and Jews: An Historical View**. He covered topics ranging from intermarriage and interdating to the need for Jews to be engaged in dialogue with Christians.

Following Rabbi Witty's presentation, students broke into six discussion groups to review questions dealing with anti-Semitism, the reasons for Christian anti-Semitism, and the responsibility of the Jews -- if any -- for Christian anti-Semitism.

After lunch, Rabbi Herbert Feder of Beth Tikvah Congregation and Prof. Davies discussed **Modern Problems in Christian-Jewish Relations**.

By lunchtime, however, many students had decided that they had absorbed enough of the discussions and proceedings to go home.

It turned out, however, that the Feder-Davies discussion was possibly one of the most interesting and informative, as was evident from the question - and - answer period that followed, at which time the two speakers elaborated on what they had said in their preliminary remarks.

Prof. Davies, quoting one of his teachers, stated that "the more pious a Christian is, the more anti-Semitic Jews have in mind he will be."

Rabbi Feder, on the other hand, stated that the relationship between Christians and Jews is a result of "ideological differences, historic realities, and psychic factors."

Prior to the seminar day, students were apprehensive of the value inherent in such a seminar; however, towards the end, students expressed their feeling that such a seminar was indeed a worthwhile event, and more activities of this nature would be beneficial to their education outside of the classroom, by providing them with an added dimension to their outlook on life as far as their relationship with other members of society.

Genya Intrator (left) of the Group of 35 explains some of the material she handed to C. Hunt, chief administrator of the Toronto Hospital for Sick Children, regarding Dr. Mikhail Stern who is imprisoned in Russia. Eighteen women marched to the hospital in inclement weather to present information regarding the doctor accused of poisoning children. Others are Carol Reiter and Barbara Glass (right). (El-Baz photo)

Group of 35 holds protest

TORONTO -

A demonstration featuring women dressed in black robes, pushing baby carriages and carrying signs, took place Monday on behalf of Dr. Mikhail Shtern, a respected endocrinologist, of Vinnitsa, USSR, who has been unjustly accused of "poisoning little children." His actual crime is his desire to emigrate to Israel, said the Group of 35, who organized the demonstration.

Dr. Mikhail Shtern is a 56-year-old endocrinologist from Vinnitsa, USSR. In September, 1973, his family received an invitation to live in Israel. Immediately the entire Shtern family became the target of systematic harassment, unofficial searches, interrogations, culminating in the arrest of Dr. Shtern in May, 1974.

Because the KGB could find no evidence implicating him on a bribery charge, the case was turned over to the prosecutor's office with instructions to prepare a case against Dr. Shtern, in order that he be brought to trial. His charge -- "attempting to poison little children". (attempted murder). Witnesses have testified that they are being browbeaten and forced to give false testimony.

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New angle makes economics fun

By CONNIE GRANT

MONTREAL -

Sex is fun, but what do you know about economics?

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Dian Cohen, a former university teacher and presently a syndicated columnist for the **Montreal Star** and nine other newspapers since 1969, is trying "to demystify economics."

". . . A knowledge of economics is important for everyone because economics pervades everything everybody does. Each decision has an economic base," she said recently in an interview.

Her method of instruction differs from the usual approach found within academia. She uses no texts, saying that most books on economics are too difficult for the layman and also tend to be rather boring.

She has no particular curriculum planned for the year and instead lets the pressing issues of the day, such as inflation, unemployment, the oil crisis and the like, carry the course forward.

The students are asked to read the paper and are encouraged to bring current problems for discussion in class.

Some of the down-to-earth questions the students and the teacher deal with are: Why do doctors get paid more than street cleaners? What should payments to the Unemployment Insurance Commission be?

The students which include more women than men and run the broad spectrum of ages, are showing a "tremendous response to the course." Their interests range from world financial problems to concrete personal management.

What is economics? An all-encompassing definition is hard to come by, but said Miss Cohen, one can say "it is a study of the allocation of scarce resources."

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"These efforts will continue on a nightly basis with various telethon teams in the hope of reaching every unpaid Bond subscriber within the next few weeks, and sharply increasing the flow of cash dollars Israel needs so desperately at this time," Frank added.

Teams and captains of telethon participating groups include Saul Goldberg with the Beth Tzedec team. Ben Wax and Pride of Israel. Dr. Norman Shaul and Clanton Park, and B'nai B'rith lodge teams from Yorkdale, North York, Wilson Heights, Canyon, Manor-Metropolitan, Leonard Mayzel and Toronto lodges.

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Among those in attendance at the recent UJA–ISF Barristers' Division meeting were (from left) Mr. Justice Abraham H. Lieff, M. Samuel and co-chairmen Sam Gotfrid and Jack Friedman. (Graphic Artists photo)

Business and professions group of UJA-ISF begins campaign; reported results are excellent

TORONTO –

The downtown offices of Goodman & Goodman became campaign headquarters last week for a five-day blitz canvass for the barristers' division of the United Jewish Appeal-Israel Special Fund. On the first day, 40 lawyers took over the firm's boardroom during their lunch hours or whatever time they had to spare and covered 1/3 of the prospects in their division. Results were greater than anticipated, with many people contacted increasing their gifts well above what they gave last year.

By the end of November, every group in the business and professions division held at least one major meeting organized by their chairmen. The B & P campaign was officially launched at a reception at the home of UJA campaign planning chairman, Jack Gwartz, where group chairmen made their personal pledges, most of them with substantial increases.

Ben Kirshenbaum, reporting for the paper and printing division, said that $200-and-under cards in his division will be covered by a massive telethon on Dec. 10, and promised a successful windup by Chanukah.

For the first time two separate divisions -- food and furniture -- met for a combined meeting, at which the guest speaker was Zvi Garcy, special representative in Montreal for United Israel Appeal. Garcy also addressed a large turnout of the dentists' group the following week. Rabbi W. Gunther Plaut, who recently returned from Israel, spoke to a meeting of barristers and graphically brought home to them what is at stake for the Jews in Israel and the Diaspora.

The opening meeting of the physicians' group for the 1975 campaign took place at the home of co-chairman Dr. Martin Kosoy, at which time the guest speaker was Amnon Gil-ad of the Israel Tourist office. The doctors have set up captains at hospitals to supervise card coverage.

The construction division held its opening meeting at Sutton Place and heard Shmuel Ovnat, Israeli consul in Toronto, describe the mood of Israel and the effect of the ominous events arising from the new PLO status in the United Nations on the Jewish state. Jack Chisvin, co-chairman, presided.

At the B & P meeting, women's apparel co-chairman Irving Levine said the record gifts of last year merely made up for years past when the giving could have been greater. Levine told the meeting that initially he felt he couldn't maintain his 1974 contribution, but after serious consideration, "that decision went down the drain. The right decision is to increase my 1975 contribution."

According to business and professions chairman, Eddie Brill, this feeling has permeated all divisions in the early stages of the campaign, with increases recorded right down the line. The Yom Kippur War, he said, rallied this community as nothing else had, but the situation one year later is as grave and even more crucial economically as well as politically. He is confident that the 1975 UJA-ISF campaign will reach the goal strived for by the leadership.

Well along in the planning stage is the Societies Purim Mission to Israel, from Feb. 17 to March 3. At a meeting at the Primrose Club last week, many of the people who plan to take advantage of this special opportunity to see Israel, meet with top government officials and visit areas not usually accessible to tourists, saw the First President's Mission film. The 1/2 hour motion picture was filmed and produced by CFTO, when the crew accompanied the mission right after the Yom Kippur War.

Alex Serota, chairman, UJA Speakers Bureau, who has been addressing meetings almost non-stop, will address the first big gathering of this campaign of the accountants' division on December 8 at the Inn on the Park.

The community services division has scheduled a breakfast meeting at the farm home of Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Creed on Sunday, Dec. 8. This group is made up of men and women who work for Jewish service agencies, and the chairman for the 1975 campaign is Walter Lyons of Baycrest Geriatric Centre.

Mideast states on 'collision path'

By MARK MEDICOFF
CJN Quebec Bureau Chief

MONTREAL –

Israel and the Arab states are on a collision course, according to the chairman of the Canadian Professors for Peace in the Middle East.

"I won't predict what will happen. It is for the reason that I don't like to think of the unthinkable," said Irwin Cotler, a professor of law at McGill University.

He said Israel's minimal demands are considered unacceptable by the Arabs, and the PLO position is anathema to Israel.

Cotler, a former external affairs department employee, said West Bank Arab groups have come out in support of PLO leader Yasser Arafat.

"They refer to him, in Arabic, as our father, whereas before there was a reluctance to even call him our leader."

According to Cotler, West Bank demonstrations are forcing counter reprisals, "further increasing the internal strain on Israel."

Israel still has to prepare for the eventuality of war, in which for the first time cities will not be immune from attack.

Prof. Irwin Cotler

"Because of the Yom Kippur War, the entire strategic policy of Israel has changed. There is not just a civilian standing army of 75,000. The standing army has doubled. For a country the size of Israel that manpower deployment is an enormous drain."

Cotler told The Canadian Jewish News that "Arabs do not think Israel can sustain the totality of social, military, and financial burdens."

According to Cotler, academicians have a unique responsibility in bringing resources and expertise to bear in distributing scholarship on the Middle East in Canada.

"Our objective is education, our concern is to be fair but not indifferent. The best place in hell is reserved for those who remain neutral," he declared.

Cotler said it is important to disabuse Canadians from a number of myths, including one that opposition to the PLO is synonymous with the self-determination of Palestinians.

"The self-determination of Palestinians requires the repudiation of the PLO, since the PLO has never withdrawn its stand for the destruction of Israel," he said.

Sunday events

TORONTO –

Sunday, Dec. 8, will be a busy day at two of Toronto's synagogues. The Beth Torah Brotherhood breakfast meeting at 9:30 a.m. will feature a talk on **Israel and the United Nations** by J.B. Salsberg. The breakfast is being sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. Morris Herling and family, in honor of being blessed with a great-grandson. Beth Tzedec Congregation's first Israel Action Town Hall will be held at 8:30 p.m. Myer Bick, executive director, and Aaron Pollack, chairman, Canada-Israel Committee, will be speaking on **Jewish Philanthropy, Responsibility and the state of Israel.**

Also that day, Lydda Chapter of Toronto Women's ORT is having their sixth annual art show. It will run from 1 - 9 p.m. at the Prince Hotel and will feature the work of Toronto area artists.

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Choquette won't say what he meant by 'showdown' for those against Bill 22

By ELLIE COLEMAN

MONTREAL –

Quebec's Justice Minister Jerome Choquette would not describe the "showdown" he said he foresees for English-speaking Quebecers opposing Bill 22, which makes French the only official language in the province.

According to the Montreal Star, Choquette made the remark to reporters following an address to the Shaare Zion Men's Club.

His press secretary, Jean Drolet, told The Canadian Jewish News that the justice minister would not accept a telephone interview to discuss the remark or the proposed provincial charter, the subject of the address.

Choquette had told close to 300 members of the Shaare Zion Men's Club that his proposed provincial charter of human rights and freedoms would prohibit discrimination.

One club member demanded whether Bill 22 was not an example of discrimination against a minority group by taking employment opportunities away from the non-francophone population.

Choquette replied that the language bill was, on the contrary, protecting the French majority from long-practiced discrimination, since 80% of the province's administrative posts belong to the minority population which constitutes only 20% of Quebec's population.

Another member asked if the charter could defend the rights of groups as well as individuals. The minister said there were four or five articles which could be applied to group rights.

He said citizens would be able to complain to the human rights commission if they felt they were being discriminated against or that their rights were being violated. The commission would try to conciliate the parties involved, but in the event of an intentional violation of the charter, there would be recourse to court action and a tribunal could impose punitive damages on the violator. The nature of the penalties would be up to the tribunal.

Jerome Choquette

Choquette was asked if the commission would include any women on its staff. He replied that there probably would be a woman working on the commission.

Isador Greenbaum, chairman of the Shaare Zion Men's Club, said he had been favorably impressed by Choquette's presentation of the human rights charter.

"But then I'm not that depressed about Bill 22, either," the lawyer said. "I think the attitudes and desires enunciated in the charter establish an atmosphere of human rights here. It's not a panacea, but it's a step in the right direction. It prohibits discrimination against minority groups on the basis of race, religion, color and even social status."

Greenbaum noted that when Choquette answered the question about Bill 22's alleged discrimination against the English-speaking minority, his fellow club members burst into applause.

"He explained that Bill 22 was not taking rights away from anyone," Greenbaum said. "He was stating a political reality: that the privileged position of the English minority will no longer be tolerated, that the government doesn't want the French Canadians to be second-best."

The lawyer said he thought the charter could be effective in protecting the Jewish minority since certain articles can be applied to group rights. He recalled a comment by one club member, a lawyer, who told Choquette of an instance at the turn of the century where a Jew in Quebec City took action against someone who had defamed the Jews collectively. The Supreme Court had dismissed the action, but the Court of Appeals, as far as Greenbaum recalls, maintained it.

Greenbaum said he did not minimize the difficulties of the Jewish population in the face of Bill 22.

"The Jewish community has a big problem. Wherever you find rising national sentiment, the Jews get it in the neck, because they are the classic example of the minority group that won't assimilate."

He pointed out that the human rights charter proposed by Choquette offers stronger protection than the Canadian Bill of Rights.

"The Canadian Bill of Rights is largely ignored by the courts because it is not sufficiently specific," he explained.

Montrealers look over program at the first annual Interdisciplinary Educational Conference on Bereavement and Grief held at Yeshiva University. From left are Cantor Shimshon Hamerman, Chaim Denburg, a rabbi and philosophy professor, Herbert Paperman and Rabbi Herbert C. Dobrinsky. (Yeshiva University)

'Israel will not commit suicide'

By JUDITH BASHEVIS

Amos Ganor

TORONTO –

Despite the possibility of renewed war in the Mideast, Israel will not commit political suicide, says Amos Ganor, Israeli deputy consul general to New York.

He was here last week and spoke on **Peace in the Middle East** at Toronto Regional Council meeting of the Zionist Organization of Canada.

Ganor reiterated Israel's hard line stand against her enemies, particularly against the Palestinian Liberation Organization.

Citing the recent open arms embrace which Yasser Arafat, PLO head, received from the United Nations, Ganor chastized what he called the ineffectiveness of the UN as a world peacekeeping force. He charged the UN "was ignoring the facts" of the Palestinian question, choosing instead to "rely on fallacies for the sake of appeasement."

He expressed optimism in the United States' steadfast support of Israel. He said it is to the advantage of the U.S. that Israel be strong, not weak. A weak Israel, he noted, would leave her open to attack, which could necessitate U.S. military involvement.

He said the UN will never force Israel to accept a peace settlement that wasn't acceptable to all parties concerned.

"He explained that Bill

Kingston rallies support for 1974 UJA campaign

KINGSTON –

To show their solidarity with Israel, the male leadership of Kingston's Jewish community recently assembled at the home of Ray Kizell, UIA's perennial chairman, to make their commitments for the 1974 campaign.

Zvi Garcy, special emissary to Canada from Israel and Ben Ocopnick, executive director of the United Israel Appeal of Canada, drove in from the Ontario office bringing the latest word from Israel, telling of her struggle to survive against immeasurable odds.

Kingston's UIA cabinet invited Garcy to remain with them another day. With their help, he contacted those members who were unable to attend the previous evening on a one-to-one basis. Their '74 response exceeded their 1973 donations.

A visit and a brief address by Garcy at the home of Mrs. Shirley Smith, chaired by Joan Kizell and attended by the women's division in Kingston brought this trip to a close. Mrs. Barbara Epstein, chairman of Ontario's women's division and whose residence is in Hamilton, also spoke.

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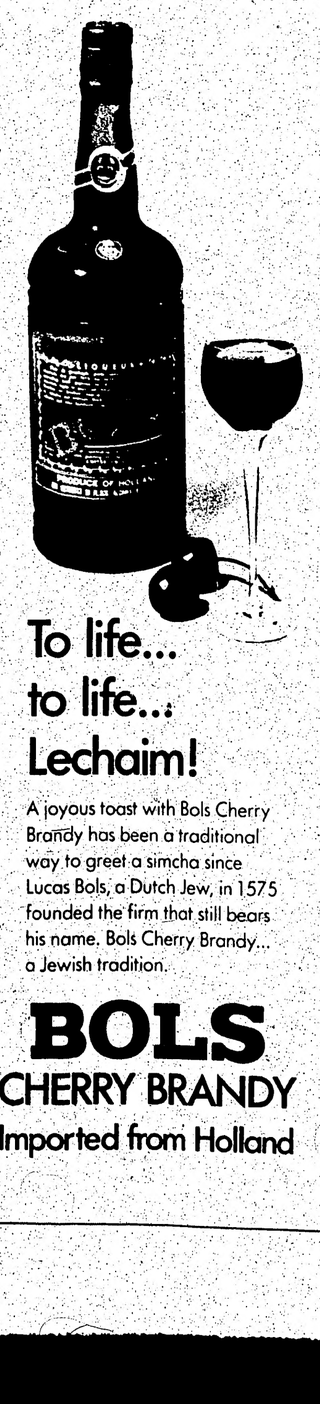

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Some Christian scholars are redefining outlook

'Implied imperialism' seen in Christian attitude

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO –

The concept that Christianity is the fount of all "hidden grace" in the affairs of mankind is equivalent to an implied form of cultural and religious imperialism, Gregory Baum, internationally known Roman Catholic theologian, told a Christian-Jewish workshop here last week at the University of Toronto.

Prof. Baum, a German-Jewish convert who teaches at St. Michael's College here, expressed this view in the course of a 10 minute talk he delivered on **Social and World Views in Judaism and Christianity**.

In examining the predominant theological trends of the Church since its inception, Prof. Baum declared that the viewpoint affirmed by the Second Vatican Council some years ago was the most liberal, albeit uncomfortable, theological doctrine with which he could live.

This interpretation of Christianity, he explained, holds out the possibility of a warm and spiritual fellowship with non-Christians but stresses that only the Church can be regarded as the arbiter of hidden grace.

"It's a very nice position but it's not enough," he said, "there's an implied imperialism in it. It worries me that such a powerful religion thinks of itself in this way."

But, Prof. Baum emphasized, some Christian scholars are now attempting to redefine their relationship with the world and prepared to accept the notion that Christianity is just one particular belief among many and that it is possible to live with religious pluralism.

In discussing the evolution of basic Christian concepts, Prof. Baum described the first position, which declares that divine grace is only attainable within the Church because the external world is full of darkness. The second and more enlightened view expresses optimism about man outside the Church but doubts whether man's natural goodness can be elevated to a divine level without the aid of the Church.

Professor Gregory Baum (right), internationally-recognized Roman Catholic theologian and Rabbi Michael Stroh of Temple Bar Zion were two of the participants in a workshop on Christian-Jewish relations at the U of T. (Groskind photo)

Rabbi Michael Stroh, of Temple Har Zion, told the workshop participants, totalling some dozen in number, that the Jewish connection to the state of Israel was more than a matter of theology.

"It's a question of flesh and blood," he said. "We're talking about a real people, which is something important for Christians to appreciate. But certainly Israel, the third Jewish commonwealth, has theological significance and importance."

Rabbi Stroh said that to the ancient rabbis Israel was a theological concept -- a term denoting areas of Jewish habitation. Although they perceived Judaism as a universal religion, they did not anticipate it would always remain associated with one minority people.

At a second workshop, in which the topic **Prejudice as a Social and Religious Problem** was analysed, Ben Kayfetz, executive director of the Canadian Jewish Congress, Central Region, asserted that only in the event of an economic depression could it be determined whether discrimination against Jews has in fact really disappeared. Kayfetz also pointed out that the political left is just as capable as espousing anti-Semitism as is the traditional anti-Semitic right.

Rabbi Albert Pappenheim, of B'nai Israel Beth David Synagogue, warned that prejudice is easier to express when language becomes liberated. He said the rise of ethnicism in North America is partly to blame for this ominous phenomenon.

Prof. John T. Pawlikowski, an associate professor at Catholic Theological Union, Chicago, asserted that the "melting pot" ideal is now dead, with cultural pluralism having replaced it. Diversity, he maintained, is fine but it has to be shared.

He said that prejudice cannot be eliminated only by good will and talk. "You need to create structures where people can meet and hash out their prejudices . . . We have to share each other's cultural experiences."

Israel expands program building youths' identity

By MIRIAM CHINSKY

TORONTO –

Israel is prepared to offer "concerned Canadian Jewish youngsters of good character an opportunity to become more knowledgeable and aware of their Jewishness" through a series of expanded educational programs in the country.

This is what Rafael Ruppin, co-ordinator of Hebrew education in the Diaspora for the Israel education ministry, told an audience of Jewish educators and youth leaders recently.

Ruppin, a former diplomat who has served in various capacities in Ethiopia, South Africa, Malawi, Germany and Scandinavia, outlined three of these major programs at Zionist headquarters here.

The Kfar Blum program, which has operated for the past six years, offers a group of about 25 superior Grade 10 students a year of study while they live on a kibbutz.

They experience a totally integrated life style with the members of the kibbutz of Kfar Blum. They attend the local secondary school for 22 hours per week, devote an additional 15 hours to Hebrew, the Bible, Jewish history, and Israel, plus nine hours to various agricultural and kibbutz services.

There are also trips to familiarize the students with the country. Plans are afoot to establish similar groups in three other kibbutzim for the 1975-6 school year.

The Eisendrath International Exchange, already in existence for 15 years, encompasses a six month high school study program. There is a two month intensive Hebrew language Ulpan during the summer. Students spend the remaining time living with families who have children of approximately the same age, and they study at their schools. High academic standing is a basic requirement.

A third program now under consideration is based on the "Adoption" (Immutz) system already operating. Through it an entire day school class would live in Israel for a year with Israeli families of compatible religious conviction, who have teenage children studying at a regional high school. During their first month in Israel, they would participate in an intensive Hebrew language Ulpan. There has already been some discussion with the Bialik Day School concerning this possibility.

All three programs are geared to Canadian standards of education, so as to enable those who study in Israel to return to their regular classes here.

Fees are high, since they include travel and living expenses. However, the Israeli government is offering subsidies and it is hoped funds will come from support groups here.

A year in Israel would cost $3,500. "The Israeli government will contribute $600 for every student, and up to $500 more for worthy and needy young people if the community here will match that additional amount," Ruppin promised. "And," he added, "parents of students who really don't need the $600 may want to return it to be used by someone else."

One educator asked, "what do we say to the parents who worry about the safety of their children while they are in Israel?"

Ruppin answered him candidly, "I cannot promise peace, but can only say that we have had two wars in seven years, and not one of the thousands of Canadian and American students in Israel has been hurt by enemy action. We promise every precaution possible; the students would be evacuated immediately if necessary."

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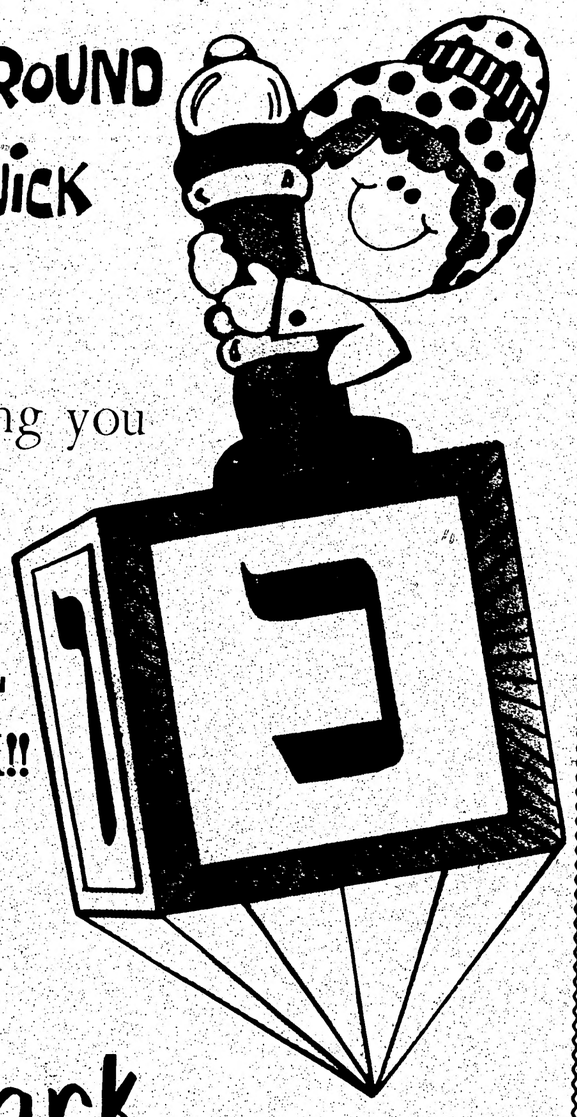

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UJA–ISF chairmen of the various societies and landsmanshaften in the Societies Division at initial campaign meeting of the division.

Societies, Landsmanshaften work hard for UJA-ISF

Societies and landsmanshaften launched their activities for the 1975 United Jewish Appeal-Israel Special Fund campaign at a meeting at 788 Marlee Ave. which was attended by the presidents and UJA-ISF chairmen of 40 societies who do active campaigning amongst their members.

The hard work and enthusiasm of this group is not to be matched in the city and **Zvi Garcy**, the Keren Hayesod representative from Jerusalem, said that "it does my heart good to see these societies in action." In most cases, pledges are made right on the spot at meetings -- usually with the check attached to the pledge. As Mr. Garcy put it, "It comes straight from the heart."

Gordon Mendly, chairman of the Societies Division, introduced **Mrs. Ifa Demon** who has taken on the responsibility of chairman of Treasury Gifts. Mrs. Demon served in the past as UJA chairman for the **Farband of Lithuanian Jews** and has long been a supporter of Zionist activities. She will be contacting every one of the 75 to 100 organizations affiliated with the division to solicit their treasury gifts -- and she is calling for substantial increases over last year. She feels the best way to raise money for treasury gifts is through holding special functions.

Last year, treasury gifts from societies (including B'nai B'rith) totaled well over $350,000 with contributions running from $500 to $25,000. "We will do much better this year," Mrs. Demon promised.

Alex Serota was guest speaker at the initial Societies Division meeting and reported on his recent fact-finding trip to Israel. He stressed the hardships the Israelis are facing today.

Izy Stern is overall chairman for the Societies and Synagogues and is an active fund-raiser in these divisions.

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The **Zion Benevolent Society**, whose UJA chairman is **L. Dickstein** together with **Philip Conson** launched the Societies events with a dinner for UJA-ISF. Alex Serota was guest speaker. It was a pleasure to see many of the couples, some over 75 years of age, dancing around like youngsters.

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A successful parlor meeting was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. Herman for top givers of the **Chenstocher Society**. **Sam Yakabowicz** presided. **Moshe Frank**, UJA-ISF chairman, announces that this society will hold a fund-raising breakfast in February.

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The **Farband of Lithuanian Jews** held its annual UJA-ISF meeting at the Radomer Society clubrooms and, at the same time, members celebrated the 50th wedding anniversary of their president **Ruwin Madesker** and **Mrs. Madesker**. Mr. Madesker is a long-time worker for UJA-ISF. The Farband's UJA-ISF chairman this year is **Mrs. Fruma Lichtblau**, who co-ordinated a wonderful program for the evening. She reports increases were received from all present.

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At a meeting of the **Apter Society**, president **Victor Richards** promised full support again this year. **Saul Marmurek**, the society's UJA chairman, will be contacting all members and looks for increases over the 1974 gifts. Alex Serota was the speaker at the meeting.

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More than 100 members attended a campaign meeting of the **Zaglembier Society**, at which the president, **Arthur Pomatnik**, was chairman. **H. Bleman** is UJA-ISF chairman. After watching a film on what's happening in Israel since the Yom Kippur War and listening to Zvi Garcy report on the problems faced by Israel, members increased their gifts by 60% over last year. An active canvassing committee will contact the rest of the members.

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The **Tzosmerer Society**, which is celebrating its 50th anniversary, held a fund-raising luncheon at which Alex Serota was guest speaker. **Joe Israel** has been an active UJA worker for many years and has taken on the responsibility again this year along with **E. L. Teitelbaum**. UJA chairman, **Chil Elbaum** is president of the society.

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The **Ostrovtzer Society** will hold its annual UJA-ISF breakfast on Dec. 15 at 14 Viewmount. **J. Snider**, **H. Fisher** and **H. Baigelman**, the campaign co-chairmen, are looking forward to a successful campaign. Mr. Snider is president of the society.

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The **Stashiver Society** is planning a banquet on Saturday evening, Jan. 4, under the UJA-ISF chairmanship of **Harry Mann**. This society has been one of the principal supporters of the Societies Division for many years and maximum support is promised for the 1975 campaign. **Sholom Hershkop** is president.

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A fairly new group in the UJA family is the **Pioneering Friends of Israel**, whose UJA chairman is **Mrs. Ifa Demon**. Substantial increases are coming in from the members. Also reporting big increases is the **New Fraternal Jewish Association**, under the able chairmanship of **Harry Binder** and his committee.

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The **Blue Star Lodge**, under the chairmanship of **Robert Edson**, is also campaigning actively. **Morris Koffman**, the overall chairman of the **Labour Zionist Alliance**, together with his team of UJA chairmen from all the branches, are campaigning in their customary enthusiastic manner. These long-time Zionists did a magnificent job during the Yom Kippur War and are promising better than a repeat performance.

The following societies are all in the process of campaigning or are planning their 1975 UJA–ISF campaigns:

All for One Mutual Benefit Society, Morris A. Baker, chairman
Bloor Good Age Club, Mrs. Annette Blugerman and Mrs. Dinah Penfield
Bnai Radom Society, Sam Katzman, chairman
Borochov Society, Benjamin Himel, Moshe Epstein
Chenshocher Aid Society, S. Gelkopf, Moshe Frank, P. Skowronek
Drilitzer Society, Samuel L. Shields
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Jews of Hungarian Descent, Armin Weiss
Iwansker Mutual Benefit Society, Alex Kopstick, Sam Greenspan
Judean Lodge Knights of Pythias, Morris Titterberg
Keltzer Sick Benefit Society, Harry Silverstein, M. Rosenberg, Ben Lerer
Knights of Pythias, S. J. Baker
Linitzer Society, H. Cooper, Harold Kates
Lodzer Society, Abe Drewnowsky
Lagover Mutual Benefit Society, Max Mandel
Lublin & Vicinity, Max Friedman
Maramosher Society, Mrs. Judy Lebowitz
Ostrovtzer Young Men, Albert Speisman
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Toronto Hebrew Benevolent Society, Joseph S. Blum
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Please note -- **Zelda Lootsteen**, of the UJA staff, is now working with all the societies. **Jerry Rosenberg** is working with the synagogues. Both Jerry and Zelda are working with B'nai B'rith.

Societies can contact Zelda at the UJA office, 150 Beleverley Street. Please note the **new phone number: 869-3811**.

Many other societies will participate in the campaign and will be making substantial treasury gifts. More information on their activities will be published at a later date.

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The Societies Division is planning a Purim mission to Israel, leaving Toronto on Feb. 17 and returning March 3. For information contact Zelda Lootsteen, 869-3811.

Rhona Belitsky co-ordinates Family Aid, a volunteer team of 24 women formed to act as a liaison between Jewish Family Service social workers and clients.

Volunteers, workers join to create effective team

By ELLIE COLEMAN

MONTREAL -

Jewish Family Services has forged a new tool to help its social workers serve the community more effectively.

It is a volunteer team of 24 women, each of whom is being assigned to a client for a 1/2 day per week, to act as a liaison between the JFS social worker and the client in his or her home situation.

Family Aid is the name of the program. Its co-ordinator is Rhona Belitsky, an attractive mother of two with 12 years of volunteering experience to draw upon.

At the request of the former executive-director at JFS, Saul Brownstein, Mrs. Belitsky has been organizing Family Aid since July. The volunteers are now prepared to begin their home visits.

"These volunteers are an extension of the services the social worker gives," she said. "When social workers had fewer cases to handle they did home visits. Now that their caseloads are so heavy, they would like to be able to depend on volunteers to make those visits -- to take the client out, help her shop, give her some help in nutrition, or on how to budget a little better . . . There are many people who just don't have the natural resources to pick themselves up and get involved in something or do what has to be done in order for them to function."

Mrs. Belitsky said that in many cases an immigrant family benefits from the presence of a Canadian volunteer who can explain the customs here and help them to mix.

"For example, a volunteer can let immigrant parents know that in our Canadian way of life, it's all right to call the principal should their child be having a problem at school. Often, the children blend well into Canadian life, while the parents are left behind."

In addition to helping the client directly, the volunteer provides valuable feedback for the social worker. Often the volunteer picks up something significant while in a social setting with the client, a point the social worker may have been trying to get out into the open for months, she said.

"I would like to stress that the volunteers will not be going into any home without the social worker first preparing the client," Mrs. Belitsky said. "There is constant supervision of the volunteer by the social worker and the volunteer may call the social worker for advice at any time. Both discuss the goals they hope to accomplish with the client."

The volunteers will have a chance to share their experiences at group meetings held every two weeks in the program's early stages, and once a month after it has been in operation for three or four months.

To create a cohesive volunteer group, capable of airing its problems and giving support to its members, Mrs. Belitsky and JFS social workers arranged a series of four orientation sessions.

"The primary thrust is to give the volunteers the confidence to go into somebody else's home, which in itself is a hard thing to do for most people," she said.

At the time of this interview, two orientation sessions had taken place. Mrs. Belitsky said she could already feel the group evolving.

For the first session, the JFS director of professional services, Mervin Moss, explained the history and philosophy of JFS as well as the services it offers. The aim was to give the volunteers a feeling of affiliation with the agency.

"I must say that the women walked out of that first meeting very frightened," the volunteer leader recalled. "I did not call anybody back afterwards. I expected about 1/2 to come back and I wouldn't have been disappointed, because I wanted them to weed themselves out.

"If they were frightened, it was better they realized it and didn't continue. But, lo and behold, the second orientation meeting took place and there was 100% attendance. Nobody had dropped out."

'After birth of each social order, there's new translation of Bible'

By WANDA LOUISE

TORONTO -

Holy Blossom Temple celebrated the publication of Rabbi W. Gunther Plaut's **Commentary on Genesis** with a lecture by Dr. Harry M. Orlinsky, world-renowned Biblical authority, and a wine and cheese reception. Representatives of the community -- Jews, Catholics and Protestants -- attended. Among the invited guests was Dr. Bruce McLeod, minister of the Bloor Street United Church, formerly moderator of the United Church of Canada.

Dr. Orlinsky, professor of Bible at the New York School of the Hebrew Union College, is editor-in-chief of the Jewish Publication Society's new translation of **The Torah**. He was the first Jewish scholar invited to join a committee rewriting a Christian edition of the Bible -- **The Revised Standard Version of the Old Testament**, published in 1952.

"We are in the fourth great age of Bible translation and Bible commentary," Dr. Orlinsky began. He explained that after the birth of every new historical social order, there follows "a new meaningful translation of the Bible and a new meaningful commentary. Bible commentaries make the book teachable on both secular school and rabbinical school levels."

Lacing humor with his facts, this noted essayist then traced the development of Bible translation and commentary from earliest times -- when Jews lived in Israel and read the Bible in its original Hebrew vernacular.

"There will never be publications to equal these two translations in importance," Dr. Orlinsky declared. "The Greek Bible is that of the early Church. The Aramaic version is considered sacred by Jews."

The second great age of Bible translation derived from the Latin "Vulgate" version of Roman times. Based on the Hebrew Old Testament and the Greek origin of the New Testament, it received widespread use by the Christian communities.

Surging with Christian protests against the Catholic Church and tumult from the dying feudal order, the 16th and 17th centuries established a need for the third wave of Bible translation and Bible commentary. Dr. Orlinsky said that people wanted to read the Bible in a language they could understand. Luther's German vernacular and Tindel's English were the most important versions to emerge. **The King James Version** is the eighth revision of Tindel's English translation.

"Bible sales were meagre during the 18th and 19th centuries, known as ages of reason and enlightenment," Dr. Orlinsky observed dryly. "But it took a world war, a world-wide depression and the rise of totalitarianism to prove that Luther and King James were no longer applicable.

"People wanted a new translation which would arise from archeology and other scientific accounts they could understand," he explained. The arrival of the **American Standard Version for Protestants**, in 1952, enjoyed booming sales. In 1970, the **New American Bible** was published for Roman Catholics -- based on the Hebrew Old Testament and the Greek New Testament. The British replaced **The King James** and the **Revised Version of 1885**, with the **New English Bible**, also published in 1970.

It took a little longer for the Jewish Publication Society to organize because their last revision had come out in 1917. The Jewish version will be complete in three years.

"We are now into the fourth great age of commentary. **Genesis** by Rabbi Plaut is the first commentary for the Jewish community, based on the new Jewish version," Dr. Orlinsky concluded.

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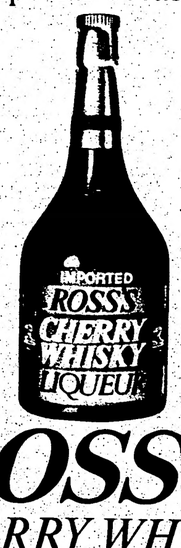

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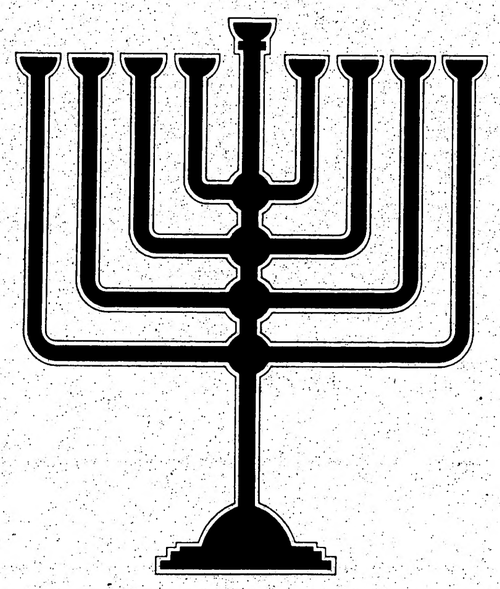

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Thousands of Jews around the world next week will be celebrating Chanukah and lighting the candles of menorahs. Here, Michael and Helen Rubinoff of Toronto and their children David, 4 1/2, Tova 10 1/2 and Yosi, 9, take part in this ancient holiday tradition. The first day of Chanukah is Monday, Dec. 9. It runs through till Monday, the 16th. (El-Baz photo)

Recall joyous times celebrating Chanukah with the entire family

By G. GREENSTEIN

Chanukah and dreidl games are synonymous. Even while toying with today's plastic version, my grandchildren chant the age old verse as we did years ago. "See the Hebrew letters nun, gimel, hei and shin on the sides. Let's ask Grandpa about them again!" Grandpa answered with pleasure. "The letters stand for Ness gadal hayah sham, which means "a great miracle happened there."

Indeed the great miracle happened 21 centuries ago in Palestine. Antiochus' forces greatly outnumbered the small army of Judeans led by Judah Maccabee and his four brothers. It took three years of desperate warfare for the deeply inspired Judeans to win their war of independence from Syrian rule by defeating their mighty foes. However, it took only days to cleanse the temple of the Greek altar and idols.

A new altar was built. A new menorah was made and lit. The legendary cruse of oil used to illumine the Eternal Light in the sanctuary was enough for only one but lasted eight days. Since then on the 25th of Kislev, we celebrate Chanukah (which is Hebrew for dedication).

The Festival of Lights is a very happy time. The eight branched menorah has been designed most artistically. Copper, brass, chrome or silver alloys have been used with designs of vines, lions, and other Jewish symbols decorating them. Each night the menorah is lighted in memory of the rededication of the Temple in Jerusalem. Prayers of thanks are recited for the great miracle of the survival of the Jewish people against unrelenting persecutions and almost unending wanderings through the centuries.

The first night we light one candle and one is added each night until the eight are lit. The menorah actually holds nine lights. The ninth is called the shames which is the symbol that Jews are entrusted to add light and enlightenment to all peoples. The candles are lit at sundown.

All Jewish festivals were exciting to my brother, sister and me. Chanukah seemed even more so. We could hardly wait for Dad to recite the benedictions as he lit the candles with the shames. Mother and we would answer 'amen'. Chanukah gelt was given to each of us. Our dinners included cheese dishes and potato latkes. After dinner we played dreidl games. The four winged spinning top was great fun.

Saturday evening during Chanukah was special. After Havdalah, both Bubies and Zaidas would be with us for the candle lighting. Dad and both Zaidas were the Hazanim chanting the benedictions. The rest of us assisted in the lighting while chorusing 'amen'. It was a beautiful, unforgettable experience. Together we played dreidl and amazingly, the adults lost every game. Our Chanukah gelt fairly multiplied. While we played, we heard Zaidie stories of Chanukah celebrations "in drehm" (the old country). They were youths again as they recalled those days with their "landsleite" (countrymen). We listened with delight.

The years pass. We matured, married and had children. Our youngsters delighted as we did in Jewish holidays. Chanukah again was so special. The children would place the menorah on the front window sill with the candles and impatiently wait for Daddy. It was beautiful -- the benedictions, 'amens', Chanukah gelt and dreidl games. My dear parents of Beloved Memory, my husband and I met our match. The little ones won every game. Enid and Dennis delighted in their "Gramps stories."

Our grandchildren somehow seem unique. They love each Yom Tov. The recitations of the Chanukah baruches are being rehearsed. Isn't it amazing to see and hear little ones emote! Dori Beth has observed "Chanukah is so much fun. Every night there is another present." Bari-Sue can only agree.

As we stand before the menorah with our children and grandchildren reciting the blessings, the glisten in our eyes will not merely reflect the candlelight.

How beautiful tradition is!

'Know thyself,' theme of Jewish Book Month, prompted by need to preserve Judaism

By Dr. Israel Frankel

This is an abridged version of Dr. Frankel's article

The theme of this year's (32nd) Jewish Book Month, as suggested by the National Book Council of America is: "Know Thyself: Read Jewish Books." This theme was (besides the fact that it is a most fitting one for Jewish Book Month) undoubtedly, prompted by the great concern among our people throughout the world for 'Jewish survival' or, rather, the 'Survival of Judaism.' Never before in the history of our people have we been confronted with such a desperate groping for 'Jewish identity. Our fathers never questioned 'What or who is a Jew,' nor did they ever worry about the 'vanishing Jew.'

To read Jewish books, to learn and study our Jewish heritage is made mandatory in view of the fact that for years the strange question of "Who is a Jew," has been, and still is, a bone of contention among our people. As a result, Gerut (conversion) and Mamzerut (bastardy) have really become problems capable of shaking the very foundation of government, as is now taking place in Israel.

For decades we have been, and still are, closing our eyes to the rising tide of intermarriage among our people. At one time, the rare intermarriage of a Jew was considered a tragedy and a heartbreak to the entire family. Nowadays, to our sorrow, it is a common practice, arousing within some families, not even so much as a feeling of guilt.

This plague, in my opinion, is as dangerous to Jewish survival as was the threat faced by the almost three million Jews in Israel in the Yom Kippur War. We have definitely lacked foresight in our failure to recognize the prolonged menace of intermarriage, which threatens the survival of the entire Jewish people the world over. Indeed, the painful spiritual problems that have befallen our generation as enumerated above: What, or who is a Jew?, Gerut and Mamzerut; Jewish Survival; The vanishing Jew etc. etc. -- all of them are nothing but logical and natural results of the widespread menacing cancer of intermarriage. The very Langer case, which has embroiled us so long and generated so much bitterness among our brethren even in the Diaspora, was the outcome of an intermarriage combined with an artificial conversion.

It is my deep conviction that the source and roots of the perilous spiritual position of our generation are to be found in the ignorance and lack of knowledge of ourselves -- our heritage -- a heritage now almost 4,000 years old. "It is one of the great tragedies of modern Judaism that it knows itself so little," wrote Solon Schechter, (**Studies in Judaism, 1908** p.156). The study of Jewish tradition, our culture, cannot but inspire a sense of overwhelming pride in belonging to a nation with such rich spiritual treasures.

It is obviously impossible to expound all of what our rich heritage incorporates, within the confines of an article in a newspaper. However, to merely appreciate the rich treasures within Judaism, as reflected in the Bible, Midrash, Talmud, Zohar and in the Jewish classics written through the centuries, one would have to diligently learn and study books of 'special' content.

The great Jewish books are not like current novels; great Jewish books are inexhaustible and must constantly be reread. Referring to the study of Torah, a disciple of Hillel, in the first century B.C.E., stressed the importance of reading and rereading the books -- i.e., books divinely inspires. (**Pirke Aboth**, 5, 25). Indeed, all great books are in a way, divinely inspired.

The key to safeguarding Jewish survival, fighting intermarriage, and counteracting assimilation among our people, lies in the art of getting to 'know ourselves'. 'Know thyself' does not necessarily imply chauvinism. On the contrary Dr. J.H. Hertz, commenting on Isaiah 1, 3, states: 'Know thyself' is a moral obligation for nations as well as for individuals.

For 19 years, in my official capacity at the Toronto Jewish Public Library, I have been preaching to our readers, in their search for enlightenment on Judaism, that they should resort to non-fiction, to the classics in Jewish literature, to the writers of the Great Jewish Books which 'teach' one gradually to 'Know himself'. Jewish fiction does not teach Judaism.

Books of fiction, in my opinion, are often amusing and sometimes excellent diverting literature. Generally speaking, the Anglo-Jewish fictionists, with very few exceptions, do not bestow upon our people either glory or Nachas. The Philip Roths, the Mordecai Richlers and even the Saul Belows etc. etc. merely blacken the name of our people. They pick for their fiction the lowest characters found in American Jewry and present them to whom? To the non-Jew and to the younger generation both of whom do not read Yiddish or Hebrew.

These books, presenting the Jew in the darkest colors, are the only source of information of what the Jew really is to the Gentile and young Jew, and by disgracing our people, they become 'best sellers'. Indeed, according to Isaac Bashevis Singer, the greatest contemporary authority on Jewish literature, there are 'very few' fiction writers in English who could be classified as 'Jewish' writers.

Rabbi Dr. Israel Frankel

In answer to the question, by Rabbi W. Berkowitz, as to who and what is a Jewish writer, Singer replies: "I will speak only about fiction because this is the field in which I have experience. There are a number of American writers who call themselves Jewish writers or are called Jewish writers. But I would not call them this. To me a man is not a Jewish writer merely because he is a Jew or because he writes about Jews. He must have a very deep background in Jewish tradition to be a Jewish writer. From my own point of view, this excludes a man who does not know Yiddish, who does not know Hebrew, who does not know our history, who does not know our customs and our laws.

I would not call such a man a Jewish writer, even if he happens to write about a Jewish storekeeper or a Jewish worker or a Jewish doctor. From this point of view, I would say that there are very few fiction writers in English whom I would call Jewish writers. To me a Jewish writer is a man like Agnon, like Pinski, a man who has really lived in Jewishness all of his life and who breathes its very air." (Let us reason together, Rabbi W. Berkowitz ed., p.105).

Israel's spiritual trouble, throughout history, was always ascribed to ignorance and lack of understanding of our heritage. About 2,750 years ago, the prophet Isaiah, presenting G-d's complaints against our people for being ignorant and not even trying to understand its basic tenets, exclaims: "The ox knoweth his owner, and the ass his master's crib; but Israel doth not know, my people doth not understand' (Isaiah 1,3). He further exhorts our people to "Look unto the rock whence ye were hewn . . . look unto Abraham your father' (Isaiah 51, 1-2).

And we are now, in 1974 once again being urged to 'Know ourselves', to read Jewish books, to learn, to study the great Jewish classics. Through a 'book' we, the Jewish people, were born and emerged upon the scene of human history.

The survival of our people, both spiritually as well as physically, lies in our own hands.

Rabbi Dr. Israel Frankel is Executive Director Emeritus, Jewish Public Library of Toronto.

1974 Chanukah coin will feature old menorah

JERUSALEM -

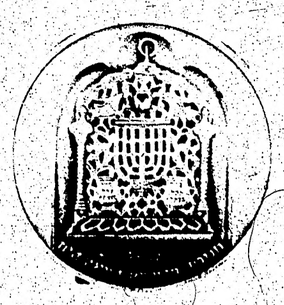
"The 1974 Chanukah coin to be issued by Israel will feature a unique 18th century menorah," according to the Israel Government Coins and Medals Corporation.

The menorah is on exhibit at the Tel Aviv Museum. Made in Damascus, it is carved in silver, showing a candelabra with the following inscription above it: "Facing the menorah the seven candles will shed light." Two birds, facing one another, rest on climbing plants on both sides of the candelabra, at the bottom two flower urns bear the inscriptions: "Blessed be you who Cometh" and "Blessed be you that Go Forth."

This 1974 Chanukah silver coin with a face value of IL 10 will be issued in two varieties: 125,000 BU (Brilliant uncirculated) minted with a Star of David, will have a smooth edge; and 75,000 Proof, minted with the Hebrew letter "mem", will have a milled edge.

The distribution of the Chanukah coin will follow the Ben-Gurion Commemorative coins due in December/January.

Further information is available from the Israel Government Coins and Medals Corporation, Liaison Office for North America, 850 Third Avenue, N.Y., N.Y. 10022.



CEREMONIAL OBJECTS

Some of Chanukah's ceremonial objects. Top is an illuminated page from the Erna Michael Haggadah showing a hanging star-shaped lamp used by German Jews in the Middle Rhine around 1400. Centre is a silver dreidl from 19th century Poland. Bottom is brass lamp for synagogue use from 17th century Poland. Its width is 42 inches. (Encyclopedia Judaica)

Achievements of committee are 'astonishing'

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schools should be ready by January, and the complete report by early next year. The comments made by the evening's speakers had necessarily to be limited to the completed studies.

Rabbi Irwin Witty, executive-director of the Board of Jewish Education, described two aspects of the study -- the report of the day high schools and some of the statistics which came out of the massive survey.

Toronto has four day high schools -- The Community Hebrew Academy with 263 boys and girls in grades 10 to 13; the Ner Israel Yeshiva for boys with 92 high school students; the Beth Jacob School with 120 girls in grades 10 to 13, and a teachers' seminary program; and the new Yeshiva Or Chaim with two separate campuses, one with 38 boys and one with 28 girls. The obvious question before the committee was, do we need four separate high schools with four separate budgets, plants and sets of teachers? The hope was that it might be possible to structure a special high school in which all could operate together in certain areas such as general studies. Ideology, curriculum, teachers, libraries, sports facilities came under view, the nuances and differences in curriculum, in such things as studies of Hebrew, the Bible and Hebrew literature.

"It was really justifiable to say you couldn't have just one high school," Rabbi Witty commented. "We can say with some assurance and back it up in the report, that you cannot operate just one schol. And, having reached this conclusion, it isn't enough to say 'go start your own school' and not provide financial means." As a result, there will be some recommendations before the Welfare Fund as to the funding of other schools besides the Community Hebrew Academy, with the proviso that a set of criteria must be met by the schools and is subject to a set of priorities yet to be decided regarding staff and facilities.

Donald Carr, co-chairman of the study, reported on the midrasha, or Jewish teacher training institute, and on the Board of Jewish Education. "The teacher training program will be the first completed report to be submitted to the Welfare Fund -- and on an urgent basis," he said. "Not only have teachers been misused and underpaid in the past, but really the number of Canadian teachers we have been able to attract has been very low."

Last year, the Midrasha had 65 students, only 25 in the "so-called" full-time program (Sundays and evenings). Sixty-five percent were Israelis mostly here for a two-year period.

"Because the teacher training program at York University is in its infancy and is still flexible, we are in a particularly plastic moment with regard to the possibility of training teachers for Jewish studies there," Carr continued. "Several staff members there are equipped and anxious to adapt their teacher training program to those eager to teach Jewish studies. We recommend immediate negotiations with York to promote the program. We hope it can be established for the next school year. If the university is unable to provide all the required funds, then the UWF should be willing to help. We recommend a grant of $30,000 to $50,000 -- but no more -- for a limited period that would have to be specified."

The study committee recognizes that, in the atmosphere of a university, it cannot be expected that Jewish subjects can be taught for sectarian or doctrinaire commitment. It recommends therefore, that the Midrasha be retained, be changed, "up-graded" and given the facilities to supplement concurrently what the students will be getting at York, depending on the kind of school at which the student will be teaching. It will require a dean and sufficient staff to provide that training and to continue to supply teachers during the five-year interval before the first graduates from York are available. A budget of $100,000 to $120,000 would be recommended -- about twice the present budget.

With respect to the Board of Jewish Education the committee has concluded that it should be performing numerous functions, feeding various facilities to the schools which no single school could afford to create, besides purely administrative duties. As it was set up in 1968, it had two committees, the fiscal and the pedagogic of which, to date, only the fiscal has been functioning with any success.

The committee feels that the board should remain as an appointee of UWF, but should include alumni, teachers, key women's organizations and representatives from evening schools. "The professional staffing of the Board of Jewish Education is woefully small," Carr added. "We recommend staff increases, particularly in the area of school consultants. We now have one half-time consultant. The administrative staff requires increasing and so do staff for in-school teacher service programs. Psychological and remediation programs should be under the aegis of the board. The offices are awful, not conducive to serious work or study. An appropriate site must be found. A public relations program should be introduced to let the public know what is going on in education."

Midanik, returning to report on the supplementary school system, explained that, of nearly 11,000 students, half are in some form of supplementary school system. There are 540 who receive nine to 10 hours per week, 2,100 take two-hour Sunday school courses (800 of these have some Hebrew during the week) and the rest average six hours or less of instruction.

The committee is dissatisfied with the whole program.

"The problem in supplementary schools," Midanik explained, "is that the schools, with shortened hours, carry on with the same programs as the day schools. Only the exceptional student achieves fluency in Hebrew. The same can be said of the other subjects. We therefore feel that there should be another look at what is being taught in the schools. We have to recognize the realities of the situation and by means of some innovative program achieve some sort of reality in the supplementary schools rather than a truncated day school program. We would like to achieve the certification of all teachers in the supplementary school program."

Donald Carr, co-chairman of the Study Committee on Jewish Education, addresses a public meeting hearing the first progress report of the Committee. Others from left are: Rabbi Irwin Witty, executive-director, Toronto Board of Jewish Education; Myra Merkur, chairman, NCJW education committee; Sydney Midanik, Committee co-chairman and Shirley Kumove of NCJW. (El-Baz)

Wise awards to Bronfmans

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cine, the Salk Institute for Biological Studies and the National Urban League, president of the Samuel Bronfman Foundation and a founding member of the Rockefeller University Council. He serves on the executive boards of the interracial Council for Business Opportunity and the New York Councils of the Boy Scouts.

Edgar Bronfman and Sir Marcus Sieff are co-chairmen of the new Advisory Council of the World Jewish Congress.

Charles Bronfman, president of The House of Seagram Ltd., has been chairman of the executive committee of the Allied Jewish Community Services of Montreal and is a life governor of the Jewish General Hospital in Montreal, a governor of the Montreal YM-YWHA and a director of the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews.

Dais guests at the dinner included the Israeli ambassadors to the United States and Canada, Simcha Dinitz and Theodor Meron, respectively, and Israel's consul general in New York, Ambassador David Rivlin.

Protests peace award

NEW YORK -

The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith has protested to Pope Paul VI about "the awarding of the distinguished John XXIII Peace Price to UNESCO" in the light of the grievous injustice done to Israel by the United Nations agency.

Recalling that he was a member of the delegation of American Jews which Pope John greeted with the message, "I am Joseph, your brother," Benjamin R. Epstein, ADL national director, sent a night letter to the Holy Father expressing his and the league's "profound personal anguish" that the award was made.

In a separate comment on the award, Epstein declared that it is a tragic and ironic commentary that UNESCO is recognized by the Roman Catholic Church for its excellent work of the past at the very moment the UN agency has reversed its field and sabotaged its own work by yielding to the pressure of the automatic Arab-dominated majority in the General Assembly.

He went on to say that it is unfortunate that the timing of this award may make it appear as if the Roman Catholic Church is endorsing the UNESCO action against Israel, an action which is a negation of the philosophy and attitude of Pope John XXIII.

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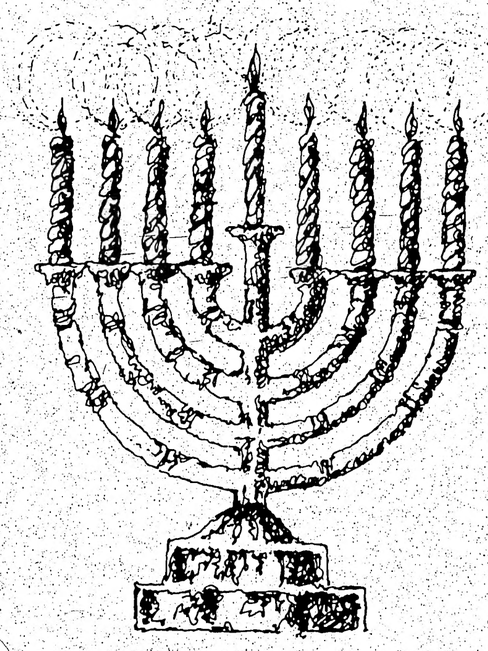

Three generations pay homage to the late David Ben-Gurion as they pass his grave at his desert home in Sde Boker. (IPPA photo)

Landmark Events In Our History

Expulsion of Ben-Gurion from Palestine changed entire life of Paula Munweis

By ROCHELLE CARR

TORONTO -

In 1915, a young Jewish man, accused of being an agitator, was expelled from Turkish-held Palestine. This event was to change the entire life of Paula Munweis.

The young man travelled to New York, met Paula, and on Dec. 5, 1917 they were married. Paula insisted to her friends that he would be a great man some day. He did not let her down. She had married David Ben-Gurion.

He had a vision. When they met, he shared it with her -- some day there would be a Jewish state in Palestine so that Jews would at last have a home and not be subjected to the whims of a too-often, unwilling host. As she sat patiently listening, he explained the numerous obstacles, and added, "It demands superhuman effort to have faith in ourselves."

But Ben-Gurion never wavered in his faith and Paula never stopped believing in this man and in what he believed despite the hardships entailed in pursuing a 2,000 year old dream to the end of the rainbow.

They either lived like gypsies moving from one third-class hotel to another, or endured long separations while Ben-Gurion toured Europe and America trying to convince Jews and non-Jews that the dream was attainable. (Each of their three children was born in a different place. Geula in New York, Amos in London and Renana in Palestine.)

And then came that day in May when the boy born to Avigdor and Scheindel Green of Plonsk, Poland, 61 years before, read the most memorable 17 minute speech of his life, proclaiming the state of Israel.

Throughout, Paula never stopped believing in him and watching over him (her training as a nurse made her very conscious of his health) during his life as a politician, Histadrut leader, prolific writer and voracious reader.

And when, at the age of 67, he wanted to live in a kibbutz in the Negev, she went with him to Sde Boker where they became its 19th and 20th kibbutzniks.

Today, a year after the death of Ben-Gurion (Paula pre-deceased him), they lie together on a hilltop overlooking the Negev with its new settlements and its university at the gateway to the Negev bearing his name.

While the chumsin wind blows, one can almost imagine Ben-Gurion encouraging these pioneering Jews with one of his favorite quotes from Ezekiel: "Son of man, set thy face toward the South and drop thy word toward the South."

Panelists give different views on being Jewish and female

By WANDA LOUISE

TORONTO -

Isabella Meltz, a Jewish feminist from the University of Toronto and Irene Fink, member of the Canadian Council on Children and Youth and vice president of the Canadian Zionist Federation, Ontario Region, are two women who feel capable of combining a profession with the role of homemaker. They provided Toronto members of the National Council of Jewish Women with two different viewpoints about how they feel growing up Jewish and female.

Isabella Meltz -- very much a part of the "now generation" -- does not wear makeup; has trained her fiance to wash her laundry; and intends to delay having children until she is approximately 35. She holds a degree in French and is now studying economics.

Ms. Meltz admitted candidly that her goal as a teenager was "definitely marriage." Later, she became aware that, as women "we did not have a sense of ourselves. We moved from somebody's wife to somebody's mother."

After going through what she termed her "angry period" Ms. Meltz battled for control of her emotions and self. She sought more supportive female friendships, found self-confidence, and learned to be more aggressive.

She conceded that although she had been raised as a non-observant Jew, she always felt a strong sense of Jewishness tied up with her family. Therefore, she could not feel comfortable with other university feminists who believed in universal religion. Neither could she accept their involvement with 'leftists'.

"The Jewish feminist group," maintained this attractive dark-haired young woman, "want Jewish life and Jewish families to carry on." They are working for fulfilment on the personal and political levels within the realm of Jewish tradition.

"We are redefining love and personal relationships with women and with men -- relations built on mutual respect. But honesty between people is hard to get," she concluded thoughtfully.

Irene Fink has always combined volunteerism, part-time professional social work and homemaking. "The well-organized person can manage the time -- but don't hang your head and feel frustrated if you can't!" advised this very poised, charming woman.

Mrs. Fink disclosed that her husband was appalled with her decision to return to the work force after they had started their family. "He felt something must be lacking in our lives -- and it didn't look 'good'." She was the only woman in her circle of friends who worked.

Mrs. Fink acknowledged that she has also enjoyed her involvement with organizational life. "Sometimes I have been the 'token Jew' among Gentile women. This can be a hard boat to row, but if you're willing to pull your weight they are delighted to grab you.

"My husband is not involved in community affairs so my entry was not easy," Mrs. Fink confided. She feels that she is her husband's contribution to the community and believes that women can teach a predominantly male committee to look at issues with compassion and warmth.

Mrs. Fink tried to encourage her audience to tackle the variety of attributes in their own personalities. "The barrier of being Jewish and female is a figment of our imaginations!"

Families mourn at the graves of those who died during the Yom Kippur War last year. (IPPA photograph)

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Rabbi Mordechai Kirshbloom of the Jewish Agency addresses Mizrachi leaders from across the country at a conclave at the Queen Elizabeth Hotel in Montreal. The rabbi is co-chairman of the aliyah department.

Rabbi Reuben Slonim triumphs over U.S. professor in TV debate

By WANDA LOUISE

TORONTO –

Although a very excitable studio audience gave Dr. Hans J. Morgenthau a majority vote of 94 to 45, he still lost Global Television's **The Great Debate:** "Resolved Israel Should Recognize The Palestine Liberation Organization." Rabbi Reuben Slonim, speaking for the affirmative, was judged the winner because he managed to sway four voters from their original stand, to his side.

Rabbi Slonim, of Toronto's Congregation Habonim has made 20 trips to the Middle East. He was a correspondent during the Israeli wars of 1948, 1956 and 1967 and claims to have interviewed all the important political figures in the Middle East, including the late President Nasser of Egypt.

Dr. Hans J. Morgenthau is professor of Political Science at the New School for Social Research in New York. He has been consultant to the U.S. state department under four presidents, and is the author of 30 books.

Rabbi Slonim, professing to understand "the makeup of the PLO" pleaded "Israel must recognize any Arab leader who will renounce terrorism. Yasser Arafat realizes that as an extremist he will never be leader of the Palestinian state. I do not accept what he says to the UN. What he says there, what he says to his own Arabs and what he says to the Israelis are three different things."

He assured his audience that "not all Palestinians are terrorists. History already abounds where criminal acts distort the right to a just cause. What the PLO want is the partition of the West Bank of 1947. Israel must recognize this to survive."

His voice ringing, the rabbi declared: "Many of the Palestinians call themselves 'the Jews of the Arab world'. Unless the Israelis understand this common feeling there can be no peace." He said the PLO has been ready to negotiate since last May.

Prof. Morgenthau asked: "What is the point of recognizing a group whose aim is your destruction? We must try to part with wishful thinking and look at facts." He then read the Palestinian National Covenant, adopted in 1964, strengthened and continually reaffirmed by the PLO.

This covenant calls for the Palestinian people to "reject any solution that is a substitute for the complete liberation of Palestine and their right to return to their national soil." It demands the "purge of Zionist presence from Palestine."

Dr. Morgenthau does not believe that Israel has anything to negotiate. "You can offer inducements to these people to change their minds but in the meantime you must defend," he said.

Rabbi Slonim said that once Arafat has gained power, he will divert his energies to establishing peaceful relationships with the Israelis on artistic, cultural, economic and political levels.

"This is good for a sermon but not for a profound hypothesis!" Dr. Morgenthau retorted. "In 1932 Hitler did not renounce his radicalism. The current situation is comparable to Poland in 1939 and Ethiopia against Mussolini in 1935."

The world is really against us, laments Jewish Agency official

By S. BRUSSELL

MONTREAL –

Rabbi Mordechai Kirshbloom, co-chairman of the aliyah department of the World Jewish Agency, told a Mizrachi men's leadership conference luncheon last week that the world is once again divided into two halves and "both are against us."

Visiting North America for several weeks, the rabbi, formerly of New York City, spoke of the difficulty of leaving Israel even for a short time. He described Israel and all Jews as being "overwhelmed by a feeling of loneliness and isolation."

The one difference between the '30s and the '70s, the rabbi emphasized, is that now Jews have a voice in the world community and the voice is that of Eretz-Israel.

"Not to recognize the state of Israel," he said "is not to recognize the foundation of our faith. Israel is as fundamental to Judaism as anything else in our religion."

Praising the Mizrachi movement for its important role in the formation of the Jewish state, Rabbi Kirshbloom believes that without its aid "there would have been a state of Jews, but not a Jewish state.

"I hope we shall still be privileged in our day to see the complete redemption of our people and our homeland, in spite of the Yasser Arafats," he concluded.

Over 100 Mizrachi leaders from across Canada attended the one-day conference.

According to Rabbi Sender Schisgall, national executive director of Canadian Mizrachi, the conference's purpose was to evaluate the present condition of Canadian and world Mizrachi, to project plans for the new year, and "to make our leadership aware of the tremendous Zionist challenge that must be faced in the coming months."

The conference also set the stage for a major enrolment campaign of Orthodox Jewry on behalf of Israel and religious Zionism, the rabbi added.

The total vindication of religious Zionism was emphasized by Rabbi S.M. Zambrowsky, chairman of World Mizrachi, in his talk at the conference.

An ideological dialogue, led by Rav Yehuda Felix, presenting the philosophy of the ultra-nationalistic young Mizrachi movement in Israel, reached the conclusion that every young Zionist must answer the demand for "personal aliyah in this critical time in Israel's history."

Report secret American promise to Syria of reconvening conference

NEW YORK (JCNS) –

Now that both the United States and the United Nations Secretary-General, Dr. Kurt Waldheim have announced Syria's agreement to the renewal of the mandate of the UN buffer force on the Golan Heights, the question here remains: What was the price the Syrians received for saying Yes and who paid it?

Diplomats are suggesting, on the basis of what Syria had been asking and hints from Vladivostock, where President Ford and Leonid Brezhnev, the Soviet leader, met recently, that the price was a firm but secret American promise to Syria of a date for the reconvening of the Geneva peace conference, perhaps some time in January. UN security officials have been alerted to be ready to go to Geneva on Jan. 10.

Meanwhile, Egyptian sources say that they are willing -- before the Geneva conference is reconvened -- to resume step-by-step negotiations through the Secretary of State Henry Kissinger on a second stage of Israeli withdrawal.

Egypt apparently wants Geneva as an assurance that Cairo is not alone in dealing with Israel.

UN officials insist that both Egypt and Syria are willing to let the Geneva conference reconvene without the Palestine Liberation Organization sitting as a separate delegation at least for the time being, because it would be difficult for the PLO to sit down with the Israelis at present.

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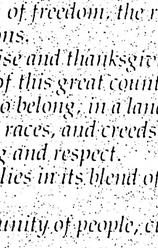

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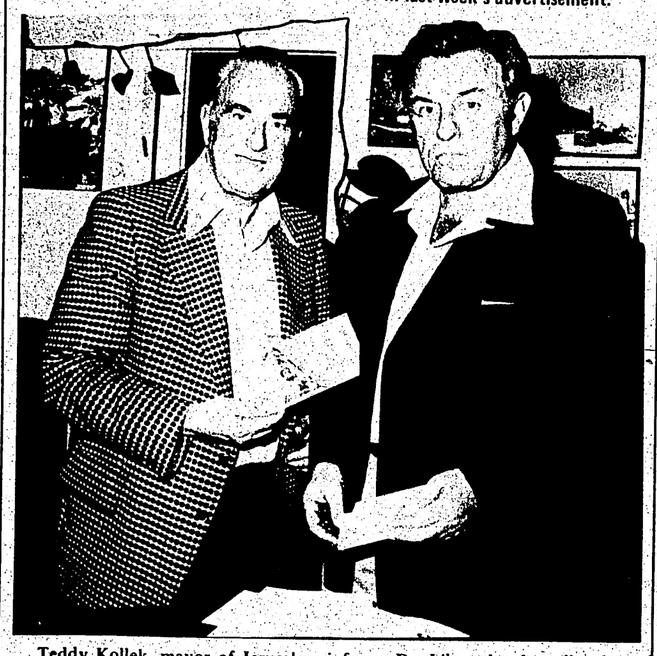
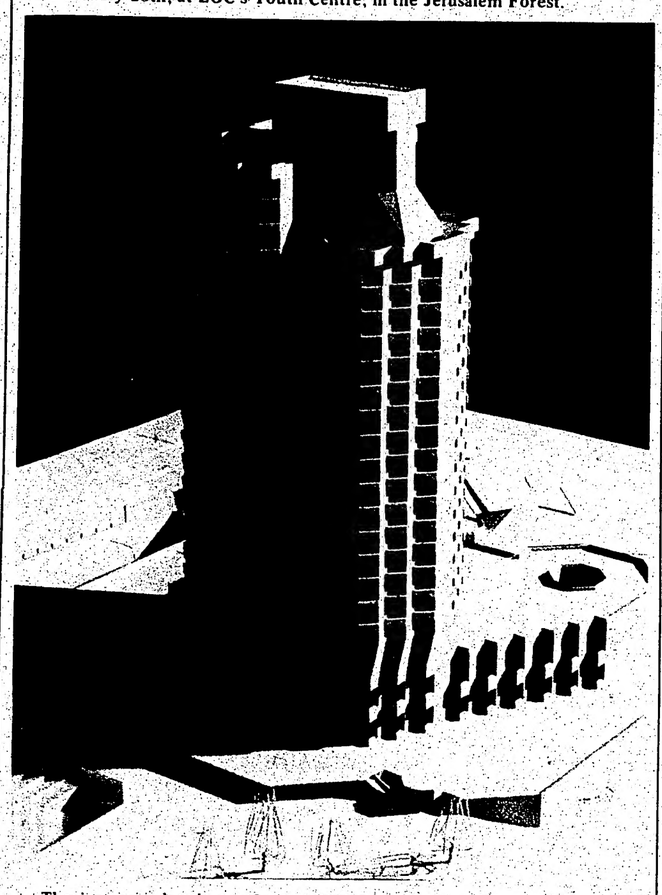


Teddy Kollek, mayor of Jerusalem informs Dr. Liban that he will welcome ZOC Tour participants on two occasions. A reception on February 27th, tendered at the Jerusalem Museum and a Buffet Luncheon on February 28th, at ZOC's Youth Centre, in the Jerusalem Forest.



The just completed new Jerusalem Hilton Hotel will be ZOC's headquarters for the first five days of the stay in Israel.

Magen David Adom reacts to emergencies

JERUSALEM –

The telephone at the Magen David Adom (MDA) emergency station in Jerusalem jangled insistently. The switchboard operator at 101 glanced at her watch as she lifted the receiver. It was 3:30 a.m. "Send a doctor immediately!" quavered a woman's hysterical voice. "My husband has had a heart attack."

Trying to calm the caller, the operator recorded the address and assured her a doctor and an ambulance would be at her door within a few minutes. She handed the address to a waiting driver as a young doctor slid into the front seat. In seven minutes they were at the house.

Swiftly the doctor listened to the heartbeat, then injected adrenalin. He hastily adjusted an oxygen mask over the man's face and the labored breathing eased a bit. Wrapping sensors around the man's chest, arms and legs, he made a cardiogram. Then attaching the telephone to the cardiogram recorder, he called the hospital and played the taped cardiogram over the phone where it was monitored on another recorder by the doctor on duty in the heart ward.

"Keep the oxygen going," came the order from the hospital, "and get him here as quickly as possible." The recorder, hooked up to the ambulance phone continued recording as the vehicle streaked toward the hospital. Suddenly the heart stopped.

"Give him a shock," came the order from the hospital. Swiftly the doctor hooked up a machine. Falteringly the cardiogram began recording wild zigzags. Within a few minutes the ambulance was at the hospital. A half-hour later, the heart specialist emerged from the emergency treatment room to inform the anguished wife that her husband would live.

During the first nine months of 1973, Jerusalem MDA ambulances responded to 1,852 heart cases. Most of the 624 cases where treatment could not be made at home were transported to hospitals.

Jerusalem is fortunate that is possesses two especially equipped Cardiac Rescue ambulances. Emergency cardiac cases represent only a small fraction of the services which the Magen David Adom, Israel's National Red Cross Society provides to the population.

"We handled 26,858 emergencies in 1973," notes Chaim Vigolik, 49, who is in charge of a staff that numbers about 100, including 40 doctors, 20 ambulance drivers, nurses, instructors, laboratory assistants and administrative staff.

Aside from the usual run of cuts, broken bones, sprains and the like which are usually treated at the clinic, his staff dealt with 3,267 work accidents, 1,422 persons injured in traffic accidents, and a staggering number of other cases -- 22,169 -- who received first aid at the station. The MDA clinic responded to 14,248 night calls for treatment of illnesses. All told, 24,485 Jerusalemites required ambulance service.

The station's worst days came during the War of Independence when over 1,500 persons were killed and many thousands wounded in besieged Jerusalem which came under sustained artillery bombardment for 10 weeks. Later there was the Six Day War in 1967 where much of the heaviest fighting took place in the city. Jerusalem was spared the Yom Kippur War but many of the ambulances (part of MDA's national fleet of 400) were kept busy rushing blood plasma to waiting planes which flew it to army hospitals in the field. (Jerusalem provided 2,500 of the 40,000 liters of blood the MDA supplied the armed forces during the war.) The ambulances would make the return run from the airport transporting wounded soldiers from incoming planes to hospitals.

Of all the myriad functions performed by the station, Vigolik takes greatest pride in the educational program he has established. Every seventh grade pupil in the capital comes to the station for a two day course to learn the principles of first aid: how to stop bleeding; how to render mouth to mouth resuscitation; how to deal with a fractured bone; how to lift an injured person (and when not to do so in the event that moving the victim of a fall or accident might result in permanent injury).

In addition, some 3,500 high school students, and several hundred adults have taken courses ranging from 20 to 80 hours in intensive first aid. Vigolik's aim is to ensure at least one member of every household would be prepared to render first aid in the event of accident to the family.

The healing work of the MDA is not confined solely to Israel. It has supplied medical teams, medicines, blood plasma and relief supplies to victims of floods, earthquakes, plagues and wars in underdeveloped countries.

As Vigolik emphasizes, "when the telephone rings at an MDA station and we hear: Come quickly . . . I need help . . . we don't ask if he or she is Arab or Jew -- we go!"

Israeli soldiers on the Syrian front take a coffee break. One of the backbones of the country's defence forces is Magen David Adom, Israel's Red Cross. (IPPA)

Bank to get moratorium

GENEVA (JTA) –

A Swiss court has granted a one-year moratorium to the International Credit Bank whose difficulties had rocked Israel's and West Germany's financial establishments.

The Geneva court decided to entrust the management of the bank to a British fiduciary company. All assets will be frozen until Oct. 1975 though the bank will henceforth be able to carry out normal banking operations.

The court reportedly found that the bank, in which Jewish financier Tibor Rosenbaum is a major shareholder, has sufficient assets to meet its liabilities. The court also found that the bank was only suffering from a temporary shortage of ready cash. According to court sources the bank's liabilities amount to 500 million francs (about $170 million) and are covered by real estate, long and medium term investments and other property.

The row over the bank erupted after the Israel Corporation announced that its Director General, Michael Tsur, had invested $8.6 million of Corporation money in Rosenbaum's bank and Lichtenstein trust funds. The bank reopened last week but money will not be returned to former depositors unless the custodian decides to do so. Under Swiss law, former deposits are frozen though small amounts might be released for "humanitarian" reasons. As assets are turned into cash, it is customary, however, for the management to return the investments to investors.

Rosenbaum was reported to be highly optimistic as to the bank's chances to resume normal operations and honor its former obligations within a few months.

Warsaw's Jewish cemetery overgrown with trees and shrubs

WARSAW (JCNS) –

Much of Warsaw's great Jewish cemetery has now returned to nature and is covered with trees. Many of the graves are overgrown, others totally obscured by shrubs and the deep shadow of the surrounding trees.

Amid this silent desolation one of Warsaw's few remaining Jews, Scenicer Pinkus, labors almost single-handed to try to maintain the dignity of the cemetery. He has managed to tend some of the tombs, not only of famous Jewish figures, but also of lesser-known people buried in the Polish capital.

The tomb of three Yiddish literary giants -- I.L. Peretz, S. Anski and Jacob Dinesohn, who all died between 1915 and 1920 -- are there. But there is another grave tended by Pinkus which is more recent.

The tombstone bears the name of Leon Lisser, who was killed, the inscription says, "by a fascist bullet in Warsaw in September, 1944, at the age of 27."

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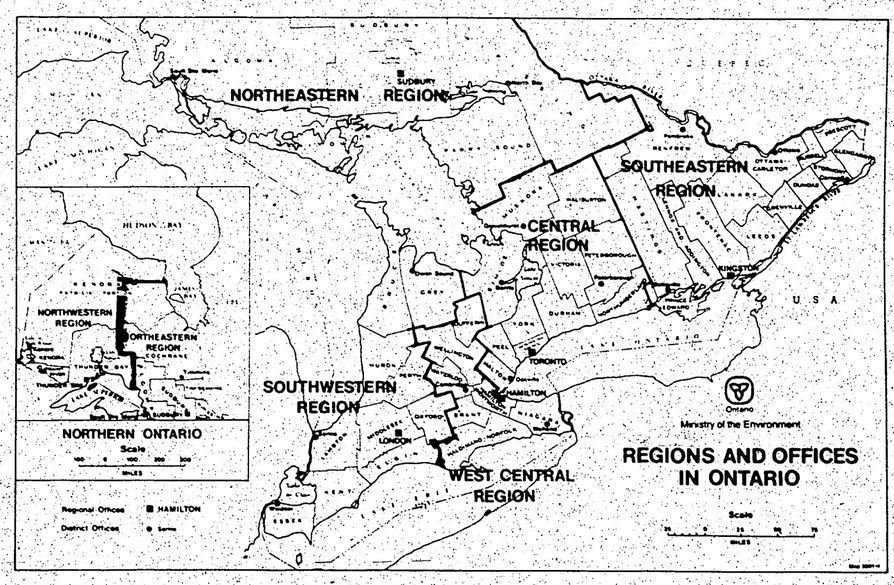

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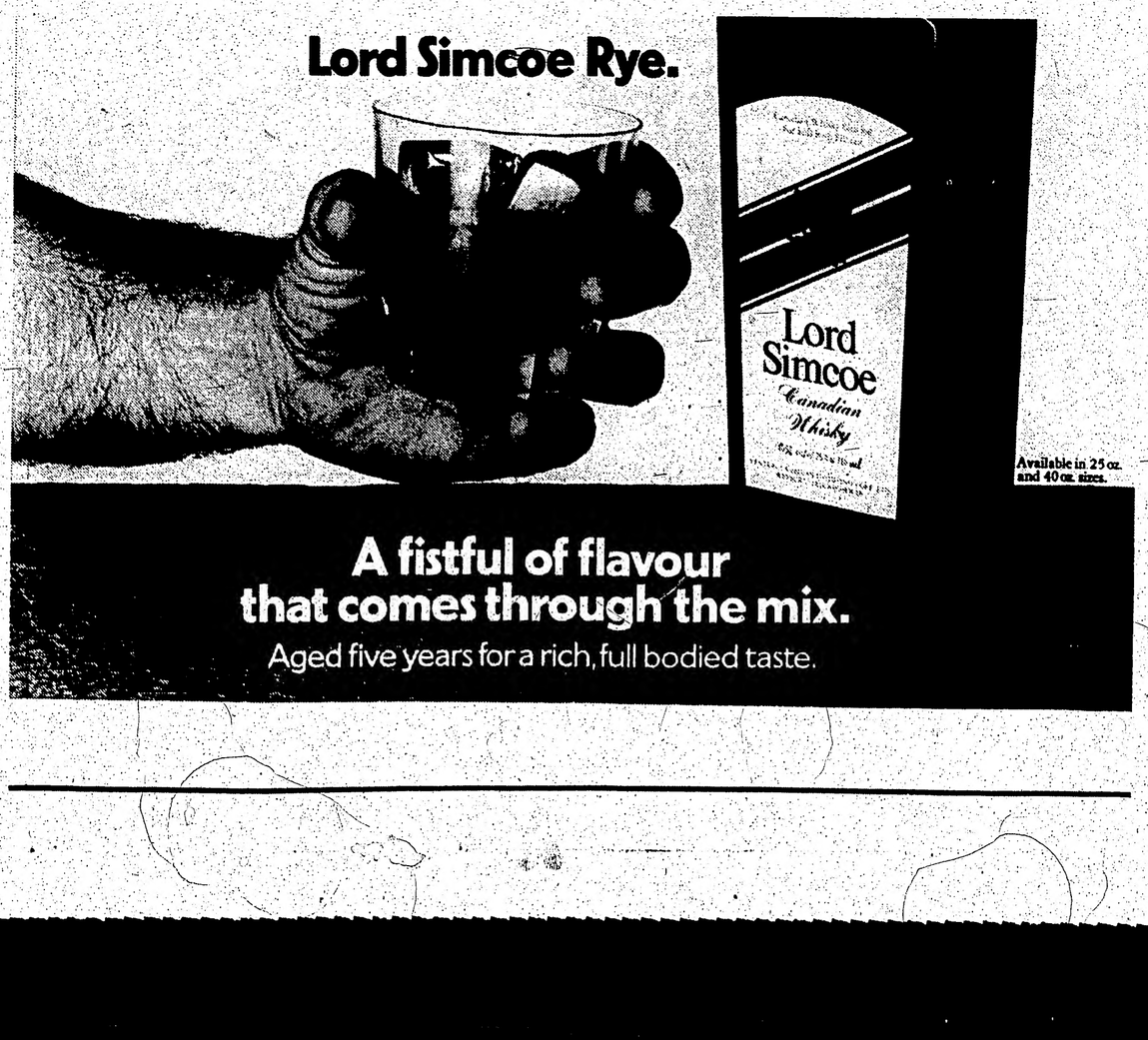

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The lives of Gail Donner (left) and Lucy Waverman of Toronto have become exciting beyond their wildest expectation since the publication of their book, The Pennypincher's Wine Guide. (David Groskind photo)

Women are enjoying limelight from success of book about wine

By LOUISE CORNBLUM

To conceive and carry through something completely different from anything done by anyone you know, to do it successfully and to achieve recognition -- this must be the ultimate satisfaction. Perhaps that is why Gail Donner and Lucy Waverman project an aura of exhilaration. Since their book, **The Pennypincher's Wine Guide** has been published by Peter Martin Associates and been widely acclaimed, life has become exciting beyond their wildest expectations.

When both ladies meet, there is a flurry of exchanges of the most recent news. "You were great on TV this morning." "I'm getting someone to tape your radio show for me this afternoon so I can hear it after work." "Cole's just ordered 900 copies for Christmas!" The ladies share the benefits of success as fairly as they shared the responsibility for creating it.

"On TV or radio they want only one of us at a time and we were afraid a competition would develop," said Mrs. Donner in an interview. "But, as always, we recognized the pitfalls." Because of their awareness, the two never fought or argued in more than a year of work. "The work was divided quite strictly," added Mrs. Waverman, "but, perhaps because of a similarity in personalities, you can't tell who wrote what."

The writers consider that the primary benefit to both is the close friendship which developed out of a marginal relationship. They just happened to be shopping together when the idea surfaced. "When you go to a self-service wine store, you don't know what to buy," Mrs. Waverman explained, "so we said to each other, wouldn't it be nice if there was a wine guide to help us know what was in those bottles?"

Until then, each had had her own particular favorites and would always buy the same thing because it was safer. "We didn't want to get a bomb for our $3. When we sat down and started tasting these things, we discovered that many of the wines were very good."

It is obvious from the above that neither lays claim to the title of connoisseur. In fact, both disparage "wine snobs" and advocate buying whatever suits your taste. What, then, qualifies them to write a gourmet book?

Lucy Waverman trained as a journalist at Ryerson, subsequently working on a suburban edition of the **Telegram** and writing for several Canadian magazines. A graduate of the Cordon Bleu Cooking School in London, England, she runs her own cooking school in Toronto. Gail Donner, who teaches psychiatric nursing at Ryerson, has frequently written for nursing journals and has been involved in gourmet clubs in New York and Toronto. Both are well qualified to provide the menus, recipes and imaginative suggestions that make their book a complete home entertainment guide for both the novice and the advanced host or hostess.

"We didn't write the book as wine experts. We wrote it as consumers," they say. Certainly, they were not treated as experts when they began calling wine companies during the early days of their research. Both ladies are still annoyed by the antagonism they felt. "Phone and they'd say, 'Who are you? What does your husband do?' Wine has always been a man's field -- the whole mystique of wine, the dining and wining clubs, have always been men only. The tradition was that men had a finer sense of taste than women."

Undaunted, the ladies launched themselves into a year of wine-tasting parties. (Socializing was half the fun of writing the book.) Altogether, over 400 bottles of wine were each sampled by 25 or 30 palettes. When they couldn't get a consensus, they fell back on their own opinion. They believed that, since taste is a very subjective thing, it should be their own subjectivity.

Work would have progressed much faster without four pre-schoolers (two each) needing constant loving care. But with all the obstacles and doubts, it was worth it. Mrs. Donner, the psychiatric nurse, was able to sum up the achievement:

"Once you've done something, it goes into your opinion of yourself; and the more you find out that you can do, the more self-respect you have."

Conveys true sense of artistry

Record one of local best'

music

By RICK KARDONNE

Yerachmiel Begun, a native New Yorker studying at Toronto's Ner Israel Yeshiva, is a talented and diversified Jewish folk composer whose nine compositions on the new album **Toronto Pirchei Choir with Neginah Orchestra** make this locally-produced record one of the best of its type which has appeared anywhere in recent times.

Most other yeshiva boy choir records have failed because the songs and arrangements are too simplistic to sustain interest, as though the attitude is "what do you expect, they're too young to do anything better."

This outlook is completely lacking on this album. Coupled with sensitively imaginative orchestral arrangements by Yisroel Lamm and the tight yet human direction of Harvey Erlich, the choir is treated with respect and thus conveys Begun's spirited melodies with a true sense of artistry.

Begun's diversification is most admirably displayed on this album. There is some eclecticism of contemporary pop styles here, but it never obscures his sense of Neshamah; rather, it enhances it. For example, in the opening number, **V' Omar**, the underlying rhythm pattern is clearly that of Booker T. Jones' 1968 hit **Soul Limbo**. But everything else, from Lamm's orchestration to Begun's tune itself, is original, so that the total effect remains that of a major key, authentically Jewish folk tune enhanced by the techniques of outside styles.

And that, after all, is what the evolution of Jewish folk music is all about. In a totally different mood is **Al Tirah**, featuring the straightforward, purely melodic solo. It's a simple yet pithy minor-key plaintive reminder that getting and spending is not man's ultimate purpose.

It's a fine album, and one we can all be proud of. It should definitely be played over the Jewish radio programs in the near future. I hope that it will also get ample exposure and distribution everywhere where we Jews are to be found.

'Play doesn't come off despite having moments'

books

By BERNARD BASKIN

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Author Meyer Levin

To Jerusalem, the golden -- mystical and unfathomable -- comes a young Frenchwoman to study at the Hebrew University with Dr. Uriel Buchalter, a world-renowned scientist. Before long, the warm and attractive girl becomes engaged to her middle-aged, fatherly mentor. She responds to his needs and profound affection. But Felicite is emotionally and physically drawn to Joe Schwartz, a strong-willed American student -- who loves her in turn.

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Scattered throughout this melange of romance and science-fiction are assorted bits of lore from Chassidism and the cabala. Although this pleasant novella has its moments of interest and suspense -- and admirably conveys the atmosphere of the City of Peace -- the whole thing doesn't quite come off.

The pen and ink drawings by Eli Levin, the author's son, are crude but evocative of the Old City. This is a minor effort by a major novelist -- more reminiscent of the tender, imaginative novels of the late Robert Nathan than of the powerful works of the author of **Compulsion** and **The Settlers**.

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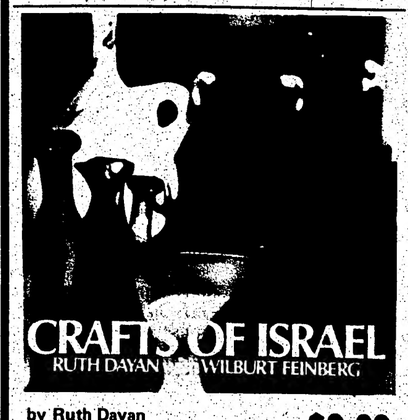

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Stars of the Second City revue, "Anyone for Kelp? ", are (from left): John Candy, Rosemary Radcliffe, Dan Ackroyd, Eugene Levy, and Catherine O'Hara. The show, directed by Sheldon Patinkin, is playing at the Firehall Theatre Cabaret in downtown Toronto. (Second City)

'Deserves to thrive and prosper'

Second City is 'satisfying' show

theatre

By JENIVA BERGER

Not everyone is a theatre buff, but most people find a good revue and a drink uplifting in the middle (or at the end) of a hard week. Toronto's cabaret scene has burgeoned in the last few years, but lately too many revues have been slapped together or re-hashed in order to cash in the current craze for entertainment in an informal and preferably licensed atmosphere.

Many groups who have adequate revue performers but less than inspired material could learn a lesson from Second City who do take great pains to break in their routines in late night, free improvisational sessions before they incorporate them into their regular show at the Firehall Theatre. Granted, improvisational work is a more laborious method of setting up pieces, but topicality and originality should be staple ingredients for all revue material.

It was gratifying to find that our Second City is infinitely more satisfying than the mother Chicago group when they exchanged places this summer. It doesn't mean that the Chicago company wasn't good, but it does mean that Toronto's Second City is generic to us -- the contemporary "we" which is what homegrown satire is all about.

The new Second City show **Anyone For Kelp?** is directed by Sheldon Patinkin and features four familiar faces, Dan Ackroyd, John Candy, Eugene Levy, and Rosemary Radcliffe, with one new face, Catherine O'Hara, a graduate from the Touring Company. Ms. O'Hara, the probable heir to Gilda Radner's wispy Columbina clown roles, is still finding her own style but has good comic potential, while the oldtimers have become even more sure-footed.

Rosemary Radcliffe, for instance, can be wonderfully rarefied as a squirrel lover on a park bench who decides that she finds the idea of being raped more and more appealing, and she can be wacky as well, which we already knew. But her control has improved steadily since her old days on the CBC as a light-headed comedienne and her comic range keeps growing. Eugene Levy and Dan Ackroyd have you completely fooled (but I won't tell you why) in a gay bar scene over a man-to-man talk, and in another which throws the agonies of a new driver and his instructor into reverse gear.

The shows opens with a glorious send-up of what might happen if the CIA infiltrated Canada ("Canadians love beer, so make sure you always have a six pack!") but unfortunately, ends weakly, with a forgettable song. In between there's a host of funny, solid sketches, some of which were in need of tightening on opening night but had the good groundwork laid anyway and are probably in shape by now.

Second City is one of those revues (called comedy cabaret by some, improvisational satire by the purists) which deserves to thrive and prosper. It's accomplished both objectives and that says a lot for the tastes and sophistication of Toronto audiences.

Avant-garde Jewish composition praised

music

By RICK KARDONNE

I have always been a fan of Gershon Kingsley, because not only is he one of the most accomplished and challenging Jewish composers alive, he is also one of the most versatile. His instrumental song **Popcorn**, an Israeli-style folk theme performed by the Memphis-based group Hot Butter, was the fourth best-selling pop hit of the year 1972.

He also scored Danny Wolman's hauntingly beautiful Israeli movie **The Dreamer**. But equally as significant, Kingsley has composed several extremely important works of Jewish sacred music, and one of them, **God and Abraham: A Musical Confrontation** (with text by Robert Latimer), was rendered its Canadian premiere at Toronto's Holy Blossom Temple on Nov. 29 before a near-capacity audience.

The whole-tone French Impressionist style dominates this musical choral drama, and indeed, the influence of Debussy and Ravel can be heard at times throughout the 30-minute piece. But Kingsley is by no means slavishly imitating this style, worthy as it may be. There are many more dissonant passages, mixed with major key open chords. What is particularly exciting about this work is the way that the music ebbs and flows with the Biblical story of Abraham and Isaac, veering into jerky dissonance when the impending sacrifice approaches, and then, when God reveals that Isaac will not die, the piece climaxes with a majestic yet tenderly melodic final motif that was strong enough to resound in my head well after the closing chord.

Holy Blossom is to be commended for selecting such an excitingly contemporary piece of music; it proves that the best serious Jewish music is in the very forefront of the true avant-garde.

The performance was appropriately stage-blocked to give the work a suitable visual impact that was yet simple enough so not to distract from the music. Of the three solo performers, Cantor Sheldon F. Merel as Abraham was the most effective, with his forceful, piercing yet clear voice that conveyed the dynamic activism of Abraham which was the fundamental reason why God selected him for the fateful test.

As God, Buffalo-based Cantor Ray Edgar had a magnificent voice which resembles a large vessel that produces a lot of sound yet also can produce a unique distant resonance effect through its chamber. However, his enunciation of the English lyrics sounded just a wee bit forced (in contrast to his effortless Hebrew and Yiddish diction displayed in the opening numbers of the concert).

Sitting near the back of the auditorium, I was impressed by the full, rich mezzo-soprano quality of Janice Taylor as Sarah; but I couldn't make out many of her words, especially in her high-range passages. I don't know whether this had to do with her or whether it had to do with the less-than-ideal acoustics in Holy Blossom which tend to produce a blurring of the sound in the rear of the hall (I tend to go along with the latter reason).

The five opening numbers; duets by Cantors Merel and Edgar; provided a perfect two-part vocal counterpoint; with Cantor Merel's voice acting as the skeleton and Cantor Edgar's voice supplying the flesh for a total musical organism in a captivating rendition of five selections, from the classic **Yibone Beis Hamikdosh** to the familiar folk standard **Tshiribim**.

Apologies Due: To the sponsors of the Nov. 14 Shlomo Carlebach concert for not covering it due to lack of space (I personally told Shlomo that I'll cover his Massey Hall appearance this spring) and to the Yiddish Renaissance Theatre for mentioning speculative plans (concerning a possible physical site) which are at this moment perhaps a bit premature.

Musical at Beth Am is just treading water

By JENIVA BERGER

The Bells Are Ringing is not one of the most endurable musicals of Jule Styne. Even back in 1956 it's appeal was mainly conveyed through the remarkable talents of Judy Holliday, who played the kooky member of an answering service team who managed to butt in and direct the destinies of her customers like an endearing Deux et Machina.

To succeed with the show is not to push it past its capabilities. You have to ignore its weaknesses; silly jokes, formula plotting, and second rate musical numbers, save for the still pretty **The Party's Over** and just jog along at a nice canter with its dippy characters who might have been refugees from Guys and Dolls, quaint romanticism (who, in their right mind, would try to spread brotherly love on a New York subway today?) and insane cheeriness.

The Beth Am Players and Open Door Productions are just treading water with their current production of the musical running until Dec. 15 at Beth Am Synagogue. Not having singers or dancers in the group, except for one soprano, who was stuck with belting out a rendition of the old chestnut **Granada** in the obligatory night club sequence, there isn't a single person who seems to be able to carry a song without straining their voice or clipping off out of range phrases.

Opening night nerves might have been responsible for some tenuousness, but clearly the show was either under rehearsed or over-wrought. You could toss a coin during any one scene to see who was going to speak first, the actor or the prompter, and as a natural consequence the timing throughout went steadily downhill.

Beth Am's stage has its limitations, of course, and so does an amateur cast. No one is saying that amateur theatre should be judged by the same standards as professional theatre, but there should be a modicum of aptitude for the work chosen and at least smoothness in the production to provide edification for the actors and crew who do work hard and the audience for supporting it.

It's commendable that the Beth Am Players have the spirit, but they need direction in choice of material.

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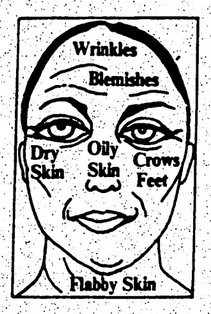

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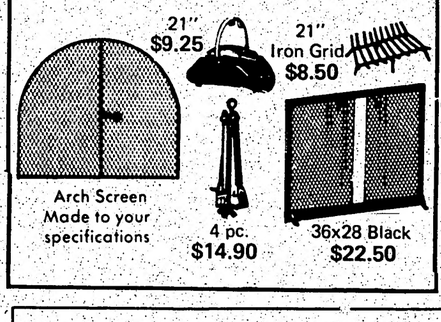

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Historical drama jammed into Florida Crown, an area whose past is rampant with conflict

TALLAHASSEE –

Florida has often been called the land of legends, where fact and fancy become so intermingled it is difficult to tell where one stops and the other starts.

In the northeastern portion of the state, popularly known as the Florida Crown, the lore of the conquistadores and buccaneers is kept alive through local historical preservation.

Few places can match the historical drama jammed into this area of Florida. Its history is rife with conflict and conquest.

It all began in 1562, when French sea captain Jean Ribaut and his crew sailed up the St. Johns River, seeking a place to build a settlement for Frenchmen fleeing the religious uproar in Europe.

It was May and the colonists were delighted with what they saw as they looked across a broad plain from a bluff on the south bank of the river about 10 miles from the mouth. Here the French built Fort Caroline.

Although there is nothing left of the original structure, the site boasts a replica of the triangular fort. The historic site encompasses 140 acres, established in 1953 as the Fort Caroline National Memorial and administered by the National Park Service.

A museum shows the history of the area, and a granite and bronze monument to Ribaut overlooks the river at the spot where he stood when his group decided to stay.

A trail winds for several hundred yards from the museum through a heavy stand of moss-draped live oaks to the fort site at the river.

Fort Caroline was the starting point, and the area within a 40-mile circle became the first battleground for Europeans trying to dominate North America.

The Spanish responded to the French colony with a settlement of their own, founded by Pedro Menendez de Aviles at what is now St. Augustine.

In a series of engagements, Menendez destroyed Fort Caroline and trapped and massacred Ribaut and his forces. The site is marked with a plaque at Matanzas Inlet.

Although relatively little remains of the French attempt to settle in Florida, the Spanish heritage is clearly in evidence in the tremendous Castillio de San Marcos at St. Augustine.

The massive fort, made of Coquina rock quarried on nearby Anastasia Island, required more than 1/4 of a century for construction. Despite attempts by many opposing forces, the impregnable Castillo was never captured.

Looking over the fort's outer walls, 16 feet thick at the base and tapering to nine feet at the top, visitors can see the Old City Gate of St. Augustine and the narrow brick streets of the city's extensive restoration area.

Spanish towers, red-tiled roofs, wrought iron balconies and weathered structures greet the eye. Quaint shops line the streets and, inside, skilled artisans work at almost-forgotten arts. The practicing silversmiths, candle makers, cigar makers and other craftsmen offer their finished goods for sale, a touch of yesterday for today's visitors.

Walking tours through the restoration area are one of the most popular ways to become acquainted with St. Augustine. But equally appealing are the horse and surrey tours that convey vacationers to a number of points of interest throughout the city.

The drama of the struggle against almost impossible odds to establish a permanent settlement in this part of the state is the theme of Florida's official state play, "Cross and Sword," celebrating its 10th anniversary this year.

Written by Pulitzer prize winner Paul Green, the play can be seen in the 2,000-seat St. Augustine Amphitheater, in Anastasia State Park on State Road A1A, just south of St. Augustine.

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El Al next year will receive delivery of its fourth jumbo jet. The airline also plans to install a second data processing unit.

In autumn '75

El Al to receive fourth jumbo

Delivery of El Al's fourth jumbo 747 (Boeing) is scheduled for November, 1975, and the cost, according to informed circles, will be substantially lower than the present $42 million price tag because of El Al's earlier options.

The plane will be of convertible type, capable of ferrying with 85 tons of cargo or 410 passengers or a combination of both. The company has decided to increase its cargo capacity in line with world trends, with air cargo traffic reportedly increasing at an annual rate of 18 - 20%.

El Al is also proceeding with other development plans, including the installation of a second data processing unit which will enable the company to provide technological (passenger) services equivalent to that already provided by all major and medium-sized airlines. Company executives believe that computerized passenger services, simplifying check-in and information and booking procedures, is essential to El Al's competitiveness.

Immigrants flown in from all over world

JERUSALEM –

In commercial terms, Israel's largest exports are tourism, diamonds and citrus.

As far as imports are concerned, first place is taken by immigrants – in El Al's earliest days from Yemen, Iraq, Morocco, Algeria and Europe – today, from the Soviet Union.

Israel was established to welcome home her children, scattered over the Diaspora.

El Al was established to transport them. While many scores of thousands were carried into Israel following the re-establishment of the state, El Al continues in the mighty effort to reunite the Jewish people.

Immigrants from the west, are daily transported to Israel by El Al. Special arrangements have even been made to air freight their household goods and belongings at reduced rates.

On the other side of the world, the Kremlin, for many years resisted all efforts to let the Jews leave the USSR.

Continued pressure from countries and organizations the world over finally forced the Soviets to permit a few thousands of Jews to leave.

Groups of middle-aged as well as younger couples, some even with children, reached Ben-Gurion Airport, via Israel's national carrier. Sometimes the flow is lessened and El Al is able to utilize its scheduled flights from Vienna. When, be praised, the flow is heavy, El Al puts its giant Jumbo 747s into operation.

El Al serves Israel, it serves the growing flow of tourists who come to visit, it continues to plan its jet fleet at the disposal for the ingathering of the exiles.

El Al is indeed the airline of the people of Israel.

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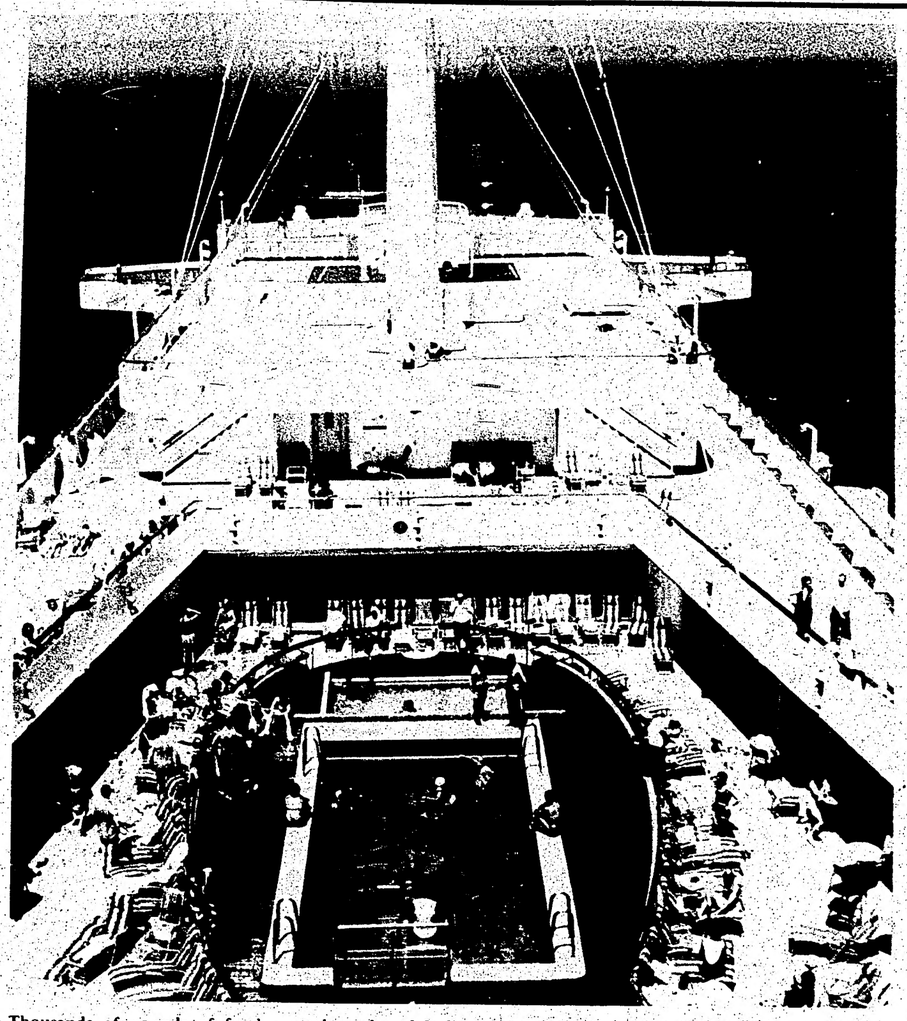

Thousands of pounds of food are taken aboard Italian Lines' ships for a 10-day cruise. This is the first class pool aboard the S. S. Michaelangelo which both cruises the Mediterranean and travels to Europe.

Feeding an army of vacationers easily taken in stride by liners

NEW YORK -

Suppose you had to feed 1,000 people every day for 10 days, give them menus to rival the haute cuisine of Europe and America, contend with special diets and face the fact that you couldn't restock the larder during that time, what would you do?

Chuck in the sponge cake? Order TV dinners for everyone? Say it couldn't be done?

Paul Pasquale can do none of those things. He's been Italian Line's chief purchasing clerk for the past 12 years. Every time one of the ships sails for Europe or to the Caribbean, he faces the same problem, sometimes with added complications. But for Paul, the whole operation is no more complex than a trip to the local grocery store.

It is difficult to imagine the vast amounts of food and time involved in the provisioning of a ship -- especially one geared to an atmosphere of never-ending feasting and superlative cuisine. So just how does Pasquale begin to make a liner shipshape in the food department, and ready for departure to the Caribbean?

The first order of business begins in Italy, which is home to the S.S. Michelangelo, Raffaello and Leonardo da Vinci. They are stocked with food for the eastbound transatlantic crossings as well as loaded with some supplies for the Caribbean cruise. Each vessel cruises to the Caribbean before returning to Europe. En route to New York, the chef and chief storekeeper of the ship determine what additional supplies will be necessary for the cruise. They cable a requisition to the purchasing department in New York. Pasquale then buys the requested items, cabling the ship in case of unavailable items so the order can be adjusted accordingly.

The cruise catering order is placed in New York with various companies that specialize in provisioning steamships three to five days prior to departure. Amounts vary according to the number of passengers and cruise days of each trip.

On an average cruise lasting 10 days carrying 1,000 passengers, the quantities of various foods taken aboard are: 30,000 lbs. of beef - veal is boarded in Italy, much of the beef in New York; 10,000 lbs. of fish both from Italy and New York, with additional fresh fish being picked up in the islands. Of course, all the pasta comes fresh from Italy. This amounts to 5,000 lbs. ready-prepared, in addition to daily cuttings of ravioli, torteillina, manicotti, cannelloni and lasagna; 8,000 lbs. of poultry; 9,000 lbs. of lettuce; 27,000 lbs. of vegetables - all fresh, never frozen - and 15,000 lbs. of potatoes.

The stock of fruit consists of 25,000 - 30,000 lbs. of assorted oranges, pears and apples -- much of which comes from Italy; soft fruit such as cherries, peaches, plums and strawberries are bought in New York when in season, along with grapefruit and bananas. Tropical fruit is bought in the islands -- the ship cables the needed amount ahead to the various islands to ensure its readiness upon arrival.

For baking -- 9,000 lbs. of flour, 2,300 lbs. of butter and 3,000 dozen eggs are purchased.

Most of the cheeses come from Europe - 2,500 lbs. of them. There are such Italian cheeses as provolone, bel paese, gorgonzola, fontina and gruviera, a large choice of Swiss, French, Dutch and Danish cheeses, and the American yellow, cream and cottage cheeses. And to put a topper on this fantastic array -- 70 - 100 lbs. of caviar.

Italian Line ships float on a sea of beverages -- 2,000 quarts of milk; 5,000 bottles of liquor (scotch, gin, vodka, liquers), with scotch way out front among American on-cruises. And of course, what is a cruise without fountains of champagne and wine -- 500 bottles of bubbly and 6,000 bottles of Italian, French, German, Spanish, Hungarian, Swiss and Israeli wines. Although Americans prefer white and sweet wines, the ship stock includes a greater amount of red wines. Five hundred cases of soda pop and a wide selection of European and American beers complete the variety of beverages aboard.

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Game fish offer sport

MIAMI BEACH -

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Fishing methods include blue-water trolling, offshore drifting and light tackle casting. Each has its own devotees and each will produce many surprises and quite a few thrills.

Gulf Stream trolling is the usual way to try for white and blue marlin, sailfish, dolphine, wahoo, blackfin tuna, bluefin tuna, mako and bonito. Comfortable ocean-going cruisers of 36 feet and more are chartered for trolling, usual rates being about $90 a 1/2 day, $175 all day. As these craft fish four to six persons at a time, costs can be divided. The boat carries a crew of two with all tackle and bait furnished.

Drift fishing simply is still fishing from a boat drifting with breeze or tide. While sailfish, king mackerel and other pelagic species sometimes are taken on drift boats, the more usual bag are bottom feeders such as snapper and grouper. Rail space may be rented on these craft at a cost of $5 per person, up, for 1/2 a day. Night trips are especially popular in summer. The angler provides his own tackle and bait, or rents equipment on the boat.

Light tackle angling is done normally from 16 to 20-foot open craft with outboard power. Biscayne Bay, channels leading from it to the ocean and close-to-shore waters on the outside are worked by the spin, plug and flycasters. Such fish as tarpon, permit, bonefish, snook, pompano, jack and spotted sea trout are the rewards in this type of Miami Beach angling. Guides provide the boat and sometimes the tackle for two or three persons at $85 a day.

Visitors will find charter, drift and outboard boats at various docks along the bayfront. Ordinarily it is more satisfactory to visit the docks personally to engage a charter and inform the guide of the type fishing you prefer. The uninitiated may well leave the trip in the hands of the guide, who knows the waters, is informed as to what is "running" and will be helpful with advice concerning striking and fighting the quarry.

Fishing in Miami Beach is somewhat different with the seasons. White marlin are more plentiful in winter, blues in summer. Sails are present throughout the year. Spring and summer are the best times for dolphin and wahoo, winter for mackerel. Cobia and snook are mostly summer fish, as are permit. Bonefish run larger in winter, but more are on the flats in summer. April, May and June are the prime tarpon months. But there is action all the year.

What to wear while fishing is easy. Old clothes, of course, and in summer a wide-brimmed hat, long trousers and long-sleeve shirt to protect from the sun -- at least until a good tan is obtained.

Every sportsman or woman, should take advantage of a Miami Beach holiday to try the fishing. It is among the finest to be found anywhere in the United States. If luck is good, there will be plenty of thrills and if the Lady of Chance frowns, a pleasant outing still will be enjoyed.

Reservoir nearly ready

MONTREAL -

The Jewish National Fund is presently completing a comprehensive project on the Golan Heights for the enlargement of the area's water reservoirs.

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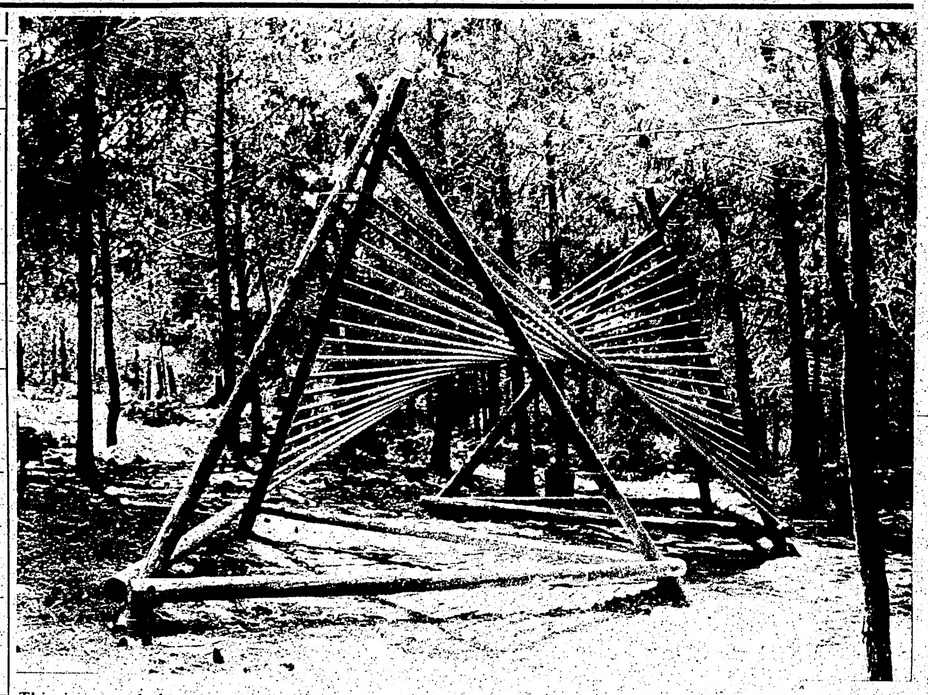

This is one of the pine-wood obstacles in Israel's first large-scale 'active-recreation' site in the Menashe forest between Hazorea and Mishmar Haemek. The 100-dunam site, built by the Jewish National Fund and the education ministry's sport authority, includes two separate obstacle courses for kids and adults.

Demonstrate on Hill

By JEFF MOUCKLEY
Ottawa Correspondent

OTTAWA -
More than two dozen rabbis and prominent Jewish citizens from across Canada assembled around the Centennial Flame on Parliament Hill recently to express the concern of Canada's Jews over Ottawa's decision on the recent PLO delegation at the UN.

Myer Bick, executive-director of the Canada-Israel Committee, told the delegates, who sang and chanted in the sub-freezing temperature, that many Jewish organizations in Canada do not comprehend the struggle facing Jews throughout the world, especially in Israel. During the 90-minute vigil, Bick told the crowd that Canadian Jews must become more vocal in their demand that the Canadian government must support the right of Israel to live in peace, free from threats or acts of force, in accordance with the principles of the UN itself.

Rabbi Lawrence Nesis of Winnipeg read a message on behalf of the Canadian rabbinate from Rabbi W. Gunther Plaut of Toronto, who was unable to attend. "As this flame burns so does our passion," Rabbi Nesis said. "Let it be known that we shall be vigilant . . . for the integrity of Israel. Israel will live because it is the expression of a people's dream."

The delegation was joined briefly by several MPs, including Urban Affairs Minister Barney Danson. Robert Kaplan, (L. - York Centre) expressed the hope that more Jews in Canada would realize the survival of Israel does not depend on the UN.

"What we should remember," he said, "is that the vote is not about Israel but whether the UN will survive morally."

Gordon Fairweather, a leading Tory MP from Nova Scotia, said "these are grave times for the state of Israel and its people. I feel a great fear when a mechanical majority can do damage to the workings of the UN."

Liberal MP Simma Holt, a former Vancouver journalist, declared the demonstration represented the views of millions of Canadians. "The very fact that a man, Arafat, who came armed with a promise that he was prepared to kill is abhorrent to me. This cuts across all party-lines."

John Fraser, Vancouver South, who is being considered as a possible Progressive Conservative leadership candidate, told the crowd that "Canada must put as much pressure on Canadians to say Israel must exist as a nation."

Former program secretary to Prime Minister Trudeau, John Roberts, Toronto, St. Pauls, said he has spoken to officials in the external affairs department and was heartened by what he was told. "I will work to see there is no slippage from that position," he said.

British firms submitting to the Arab boycott

LONDON (JCNS) -
A warning that British firms were increasingly submitting to the Arab boycott of Israel, was issued by the chairman of the Anglo-Israel Chamber of Commerce, Lewis R. Goodman, in London last week.

Addressing a meeting at which the Liberal leader, Jeremy Thorpe, was present, Goodman said that fear of the Arab boycott was becoming one of the menacing economic problems of grave concern to the chamber.

"The number of British firms who are afraid of Arab retaliation and find reasons for not trading with Israel is increasing. Even from the strictly parochial view of British exports this is of considerable concern because British exports to Israel in the first 10 months of this year are in excess of the exports for the whole of 1973 and are likely to reach the $500 million mark by the end of 1974. Israel is, in fact, amongst Britain's 20 best customers and one of the few countries with which she has a favorable trade balance.

Goodman pointed out, however, that the accumulation of economic strength resulting from the unprecedented rise in oil prices had created a completely new situation.

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